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ROCKY FLATS PLANT**

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Rocky Flats Plant Site**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This final report has been prepared for one of several studies being conducted for, and in conjunction with, a Zero-Offsite Water-Discharge Plan for Rocky Flats Plant (RFP) in response to Item C.7 of the Agreement in Principle (AIP) between the Colorado Department of Health (CDH) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) (Agreement in Principle, 1989). The CDH/DOE Agreement Item C.7 states "Source Reduction and Zero Discharges Study: Conduct a study of all available methods to eliminate Rocky Flats discharges to the environment including surface waters and ground water. This review should include a source reduction review" (AIP,1989, p.8).

Specifically, this study examines the Sanitary Treatment Plant (STP) and evaluates the existing plant's performance abilities; the need for upgrading the existing plant or new facilities; the need for increasing plant capacity to meet future demands; and impacts of the ^{to meet} current and future stream/effluent standards (scheduled for finalization in 1991).

Effluent Quality Determination

The STP discharges to Pond B3 with subsequent release to Pond B5, both of which are located on Walnut Creek. Activated carbon treatment of the contents of Pond 5 is presently provided prior to their release to Walnut Creek. The STP discharge is regulated under a National-Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to aid in meeting the existing Walnut Creek stream standards. Stream standards for this segment of Walnut Creek, as established by the Water Quality Control Division of the CDH, require that certain organic compounds be maintained at concentrations 1,000,000 times less than existing detection limits. Actual

compliance is impossible to determine because the standards are below the detection limits. For this reason, the standards effectively preclude future discharge and require reuse/recycle/zero-discharge of the STP effluent.

This study assumes that STP effluent will be discharged to Walnut Creek. Two related studies, Recycle of Treated Sewage/Process Wastewater - Task 11/13 and Reverse Osmosis and Mechanical Evaporation Study - Task 12 (ASI, 1990b and ASI, 1990c, respectively) which are subordinate to the Zero-Offsite Water-Discharge Study discuss the features of recycling treated wastewater for the purpose of zero discharge. (Task 11, Process Wastewater Reuse, has been combined with Task 13, Recycle of Treated Sewage, into one document.)

Discharge under the anticipated future RFP NPDES permit will require nitrification and denitrification. Existing facilities at the STP are not capable of meeting this requirement. For example, the anticipated NPDES limits will reduce the allowable amount of ammonia nitrogen from 10 to 1 mg/l and the nitrate limit from 20 to 10 mg/l. The anticipated effluent limits under the NPDES permit are given in the Table 1.

Current Conditions

Sanitary wastes from about 6,200 employees working in the personnel security zone (PSZ) and the non PSZ are equalized at Building 990 and treated at the STP. The average daily influent flow is approximately 220,000 gpd during the week and 131,000 gpd over the weekend, or about 35 gallons per employee per day.

Table 1
Anticipated NPDES Permit Effluent Limits

mg/l			
<u>Parameter</u>	<u>30-Day Avg.</u>	<u>7-Day Avg.</u>	<u>Daily Max.</u>
BOD ₅	10		25
TSS	30	45	
Fecal Coliform #100/ml	200	400	
Nitrates as N	10	10	
Ammonia as N	1	1	
Total Residual Chlorine			.003
Total Chromium	0.05		0.10
Total Phosphorus as P	8		12
pH, units	Shall remain between 6.0 and 9.0		
Oil and Grease	Shall be less than 10 mg/l and no visible sheen or floating oil		

Influent wastewater quality data was collected during a supplemental sampling program conducted between July 25 and August 24, 1990. Daily composite samples were collected and tested for BOD₅, ammonia, TKN, alkalinity, temperature and pH. The analytical results indicated a high degree of variability due primarily to weekday/weekend workforce levels. The data are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2
Summary of Daily Composite Sample Results
(Between July, 25 and August 24, 1990)

mg/l						
	<u>BOD₅</u>	<u>Ammonia-N</u>	<u>TKN</u>	<u>Alkalinity</u>	<u>Temp, °C</u>	<u>pH</u>
Avg.	82.5	20.5	27.0	117.6	21.0	7.6
Max.	>180	65	61	170	24	8.0
Min.	19	5	3	80	19	7.0

Sampling and analyses were also conducted for metals and organic compounds. The STP is currently being modified to address upgrades identified earlier, under a separate investigation.

Future Conditions

In the future, the workforce at the RFP could range between 3,000 and 9,000 people. Based on this projection, it was determined that required future STP capacity will be between 125,000 gpd and 400,000 gpd.

Recommended Alternative

Due to the highly variable nature of future hydraulic/organic loads and nitrification/denitrification requirements, a modification to the existing STP incorporating new activated sludge tankage which operates in a batch mode is the recommended alternative. Additional improvements are recommended including influent solids grinding, pumping, chemical feed and flotation/filtration clarification as shown on Figure 6. These improvements comprise the most cost effective/efficient system consistent with projected discharge limits. In the event discharge is not permitted because of future stream standards, the recommended alternative is consistent with the reuse/recycle/zero-discharge recommendations described in Task 11/13; as well as the planned

STP upgrades currently under construction. The recommended alternative is more fully described in Section 5.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 STUDY PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This final report has been prepared for one of several studies being conducted for, and in conjunction with, a Zero-Offsite Water-Discharge Plan for Rocky Flats Plant (RFP) in response to Item C.7 of the Agreement in Principle (AIP) between the Colorado Department of Health (CDH) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) (Agreement in Principle, 1989). The CDH/DOE Agreement Item C.7 states "Source Reduction and Zero Discharges Study: Conduct a study of all available methods to eliminate Rocky Flats discharges to the environment including surface waters and ground water. This review should include a source reduction review" (AIP, 1989, p.8).

Specifically, this study examines the Sanitary Treatment Plant (STP) in the following context:

- (1) the existing plant's performance abilities;
- (2) the need for upgrading the existing plant or providing new facilities;
- (3) the need for increasing plant capacity to meet future demands, and
- (4) impacts of the current and future stream/effluent standards (scheduled for finalization in 1991).

This study also documents influent wastewater characteristics and assesses existing treatment plant factors which limit performance. The existing NPDES permit is examined and the factors influencing new permit requirements are discussed. Wastewater quantity and quality characteristics are projected and a recommended treatment alternative is outlined. This study also provides preliminary design data in sufficient detail to assist in the design of recommended facilities.

This study assumes that STP effluent will be discharged to Walnut Creek. Two related studies Recycle of Treated Sewage/Process Wastewater Reuse - Tasks 11/13 (ASI, 1990b) and Reverse Osmosis/Mechanical Evaporation - Task 12 (ASI, 1990c), which are subordinate to the Zero-Offsite Water-Discharge Study, discuss the recycling of treated wastewater.

2.0 EFFLUENT QUALITY DETERMINATION

2.1 WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PERMIT

The Sanitary Treatment Plant (STP) discharges to Pond B-3 and then Pond B-5 on Walnut Creek. Pond B-5 water is currently being pumped through granular activated carbon prior to discharge offsite in accordance with local and state approval. The current NPDES permit, permit number CO-0001333, expired on June 30, 1989. (Section 3.4 outlines the plant's recent operating history). Under current load and existing NPDES permit conditions, effluent requirements are being met. Effluent limitations specified in the NPDES Permit CO-0001333 are shown in Table 3.

Table 3
NPDES Permit No. CO-0001333 Effluent Limits

mg/l			
Parameter	30-Day Avg.	7-Day Avg.	Daily Max.
BOD ₅	10	N/A	25
TSS	30	45	N/A
Fecal Coliform #100/ml	200	400	N/A
Nitrates as N	10	20	
Total Residual Chlorine	N/A	N/A	0.5
Total Chromium	0.05	N/A	0.10
Total Phosphorus as P	8	N/A	12
pH, units	Shall remain between 6.0 and 9.0		
Oil and Grease	Shall be less than 10 mg/l and no visible sheen or floating oil		

Since June 30, 1989, the STP has been operating under an administrative extension of the existing NPDES permit. The existing permit conditions will continue in force until a new

NPDES permit is issued. The new NPDES permit will be issued to assure that stream standards are not violated. The RFP, EPA and CDH are expected to negotiate specific permit conditions in 1991.

It is anticipated that the new discharge limits will be at least as strict as current limits. Also, discussions related to the new NPDES permit indicate that wastewater nitrification and denitrification will be required in the future.

2.2 STREAM STANDARDS

The STP discharges to stream Segment 5 of the Big Dry Creek Basin. As defined by the CDH's Water Quality Control Division (WQCD), Stream Segment 5 consists of the "Mainstream tributaries, lakes, and reservoirs, from their sources to the outlet of Ponds A-4 and B-5 on Walnut Creek, and Pond C-2 on Woman Creek. All three ponds are located on Rocky Flats Property."

Further, the WQCD has established that the stream standards for Segment 5 have two qualifiers. The first qualifier states "All water quality standards have the temporary modification of ambient quality until February 1, 1993." The second qualifier states "See attached Tables 1 and 2 for additional underlying standards for Segment 5." Tables 1 and 2 are reproduced in this document as Tables 4 and 5 because of their specificity and their impacts on treatment plant effluent requirements.

The significance of Table 4 is that chronic standards for some of the parameters listed are below currently available detection levels. For example, Dioxin has a chronic standard of 0.000000013 ug/l while the current detection level is 0.01 ug/l. This means that the STP cannot meet stream standards under any condition because the stream standards are below current detection limits.

Table 4

STREAM SEGMENT 5
ADDITIONAL ORGANIC CHEMICAL STANDARDS (1)
(ug/L)

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>EPA Method</u>	<u>Chronic Standard</u>	<u>Gas Chromatography (GC) Detection Levels</u>
Acrylonitrile	625	0.058	*15
Aldrin	508	0.000074	0.1
Atrazine	608(2)/507(3)	3.0	1.0
Benzidine	625	0.00012	*10
Chlordane	508	0.00046	0.1
Chloroform	502.2	0.19	1.0
Chloroethyl Ether (BIS)	625	0.0000037	*10
DDT	508	0.000024	0.1
Dichlorobenzidine	625	0.01	*10
Dieldrin	508	0.000071	0.1
Dioxin (2,3,7,8TCDD)	613	0.000000013	0.01
Halomethanes	502.2	0.19	1.0
Heptachlor	508	0.00028	0.1
Hexachloroethane	525	1.9	1.0
Hexachlorobenzene	525	0.00072	1.0
Hexachlorobutadiene	525	0.45	1.0
Hexachlorocyclohexane, Alpha	505	0.0092	0.1
Hexachlorocyclohexane, Beta	505	0.0163	0.1
Hexachlorocyclonexane, Gamma (Lindane)	505	0.0186	0.1
Hexachlorocyclohexane, Technical	505/608	0.0123	0.5
Nitrosodibutylamine N	607	0.0064	5
Nitrosodiethylamine N	607	0.0008	5
Nitrosodimethylamine N	607	0.0014	5
Nitrosodiphenylamine N	607	4.9	10
Nitrosopyrrolidine N	625	0.016	10
PCBs	508	0.000079	1.0
Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons	610	0.0028	1.0
Simazine	608(2)/507(3)	4.0	1.0

Table 4 (Continued)

**STREAM SEGMENT 5
ADDITIONAL ORGANIC CHEMICAL STANDARDS (1)
(ug/L)**

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>EPA Method</u>	<u>Chronic Standard</u>	<u>Gas Chromatography (GC) Detection Levels</u>
Tetrachloroethane 1,1,2,2	502.2	0.17	1.0
Tetrachloroethane	502.2	0.8	1.0
Trichloroethane 1,1,2	502.2	0.6	1.0
Trichlorophenol 2,4,6	502.2	1.2	1.0

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- (1) In the absence of specific, numeric standards for non-naturally occurring organics, the narrative standard "no toxics in toxic amounts" (Section 3.1.11(1)(d)) shall be interpreted as zero with enforcement based on the practical quantification levels (PQL's) for those compounds as defined by the Water Quality Control Division or the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
- (2) Extraction Method
- (3) Analytical Method

* Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry Method

Table 5

**STREAM SEGMENT
SITE SPECIFIC RADIONUCLIDE STANDARDS*
(in Picocuries/Liter)**

The radionuclides listed below shall be maintained at the lowest practical level and in no case shall they be increased by any cause attributable to municipal, industrial, or agricultural practices to exceed the site specific numeric standards.

A. Ambient based site-specific standards:

	Segment 2	Segment 3	Segment 4 Segment 5	Segment 4 Segment 5
	<u>Standley Lake</u>	<u>Great Western Reservoir</u>	<u>Woman Creek</u>	<u>Walnut Creek</u>
Gross Alpha	6	5	7	11
Gross Beta	9	12	5	19
Plutonium	.03	.03	.05	.05
Americium	.03	.03	.05	.05
Tritium	500	500	500	500
Uranium	3	4	5	10

B. Other site-specific standards applicable to segments 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Curium	244	60
Neptunium	237	30

* Statewide standards also apply for radionuclides not listed above.

The significance of Table 5 is that these specific radionuclide standards will apply to the STP effluent. While most of these parameters are currently being monitored (Rockwell, 1989), a broader spectrum of radionuclide monitoring can be expected in the future.

In summary, if the required standards of Table 4 are enforced, the RFP has no choice but to reuse/recycle zero discharge wastewater effluent. Nevertheless, this study examines the STP discharge assuming a new NPDES permit. The anticipated permit limits are as described in Section 2.1 with an ammonia limit of 1 mg/l as N and nitrate limit of 10 mg/l as N. While anticipated limits do not now indicate biomonitoring (effluent toxicity), such requirements will most probably be prescribed. Biomonitoring is a bioassay procedure utilizing plant effluent and test animals such as fathead minnows and water fleas, to determine effluent toxicity.

3.0 CURRENT CONDITIONS

3.1 GENERAL DESCRIPTION

~~A~~ The Rocky Flats Plant is divided into a plutonium processing zone which is a personnel security zone (PSZ) and the non personnel security zone (non PSZ). The STP treats sanitary wastewaters from both zones. Sanitary wastewaters consist of toilets, showers, cooling tower and air washer blowdown, and kitchen wastes from cafeterias located on plant property.

~~A~~ The sanitary sewage collection system is divided into two zones corresponding to the PSZ and non PSZ. Both collection systems converge at Building 990 which is a flow equalization facility consisting of a north and south basin, as shown on Figure 1. The 60,000 gallon capacity north basin is used for flow equalization while the south basin can be used only as an overflow. The STP operators set the flow control valve on the outlet of the north basin to a constant flow of about 250,000 gpd on weekdays and 100,000 gpd on weekends.

Equalized flow leaves Building 990 and flows by gravity to the STP at Building 995. Building 995 is located east of Building 990, outside the PSZ, in the South Walnut Creek drainage just inside the fenced area of RFP. Portions of the STP site lie in a preliminarily assessed Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU).

An August 9, 1990, compilation of EG&G employees indicated current weekday employment to be about 6,200 people (Rose, 1990). On weekends it is estimated that about 100 people are on site. Three shifts are operational, but almost all employees work a normal day shift.

3.2 WASTEWATER CHARACTERIZATION

Very little historical, influent wastewater quality data has been collected on wastewater influent at the STP. This is due in part to the lack of an influent flow meter. All flows are measured at the effluent V-notch weir. Only influent COD, TOC, pH and Gross alpha is routinely collected (Rockwell, 1990). Attempts to correlate COD with BOD₅ have been made by Michael Richard, Ph.D., but consistent and reliable results have not been obtained (See Section 3.4).

3.2.1 Wastewater Quantity

Historically, effluent flow measured at the STP has been approximately 250,000 gpd during the week and 100,000 gpd over the weekend. Flow data for January through August 1990 are included in Appendix A. Flow data were measured by plant operators at the effluent V-notch weir. The operators record a totalizer reading each day at the same time and subtract it from the preceding day's total. Prior to June 16, 1990, all readings were recorded at 8:00 a.m., documenting the flows from 8:00 a.m. the previous morning to 8:00 a.m. the day they are recorded. As a result of this study, starting June 16, 1990 the flows were recorded at midnight for each subsequent 24 hour period.

For the period January 1, 1990 through August 31, 1990 the wastewater flow averaged 194,000 gpd. The minimum flow of 38,000 gpd occurred on February 25, which was a Sunday. The maximum flow of 382,000 gpd occurred on March 22 and March 23, a Thursday and Friday. During this same period, the Monday through Friday weekday flow averaged 220,000 gpd and the weekend flows 131,000 gpd. Several spikes in the flow recorded in excess of 300,000 gpd occurred as shown in Table 6. These spikes may be due to storm events (infiltration/inflow), normal peak to average flow conditions at RFP, events at the Building 990 equalization facilities or a combination of these items.

Table 6
STP Flows Over 300,000 gpd

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Flow</u>
20-Mar-90	Tue	352,000
22-Mar-90	Thu	382,000
23-Mar-90	Fri	382,000
28-Mar-90	Wed	340,000
29-Mar-90	Thu	306,000
05-Apr-90	Thu	318,000
06-Apr-90	Fri	372,000
10-Apr-90	Tue	306,000
06-Jun-90	Wed	306,000
27-Jul-90	Fri	306,000

Based on approximately 6,200 workers and the flow records in Appendix, each worker contributes an average hydraulic load of 35.4 gallons per capita per day (gpcd) during their time spent at the RFP. By comparison, the average 24-hour contribution from typical residential, commercial, institutional, and industrial sources is 65 to 80 gpcd (EPA, 1978).

Industrial process production was shutdown in 1989 so none of the 1990 data collection results include the impact (if any) that could be attributed to production operations. Influent to the STP would be expected to be 250,000 gpd during the week and 100,000 gpd during the weekend if production was taking place.

Because production wastewater collection, transport and treatment facilities are separated, no significant loading increase to the STP should accompany resumption of production.

3.2.2 Wastewater Quality

~~Due~~ Due to the lack of historical influent wastewater quality data, a supplemental sampling program was conducted as a result of this study. Sample collection began July 24, 1990. This sampling program targeted parameters related to a performance evaluation of the STP and for future design purposes. An ISCO model 2700R sequential wastewater sampler was installed at the STP headworks as a result of a project being conducted by EG&G's Clean Water Act Division (CWAD) to collect influent wastewater samples. The sampler collected composite samples based on plant effluent flow. Between each sample the sample line collection was purged with air. Samples were collected at 8:00 a.m.. The sample collected on Wednesday, July 25, 1990 was for the period starting at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 24 and running to 8:00 a.m. July 25. Thus, the sample was reported as being representative of Tuesday, July 24. Laboratory results for the composite samples are summarized in Table 7 for BOD₅, ammonia, total kjeldahl nitrogen (TKN), alkalinity, temperature, and pH.

Table 7
STP Influent Composite Sampling
July 25, 1990 to August 24, 1990

<u>Sample Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>BOD₅</u> <u>(mg/L)</u>	<u>Ammonia as N</u> <u>(mg/L)</u>	<u>TKN</u> <u>(mg/L)</u>	<u>Alkalinity Grab</u> <u>as CaCO₃</u> <u>(mg/L)</u>	<u>Temp Grab</u> <u>C</u>	<u>pH</u> <u>Composite</u>
24-Jul-90	Tue	94	35	32	163.6	22.0	8.0
25-Jul-90	Wed	100	40	45	170.4	24.0	7.9
26-Jul-90	Thu	59	36	43	138.4	24.0	7.7
27-Jul-90	Fri	NSC	NSC	NSC	118.6	22.5	NSC
28-Jul-90	Sat	19	6	12	97.4	20.0	7.3
29-Jul-90	Sun	30	6	29	122.8	20.0	7.0
30-Jul-90	Mon	160	65	61	121.2	20.6	8.2
31-Jul-90	Tue	110	32	48	131.8	21.5	7.7
01-Aug-90	Wed	110	41	40	110.0	20.8	7.7
02-Aug-90	Thu	100	32	30	106.6	20.8	7.7
03-Aug-90	Fri	87	18	18	106.0	20.3	7.4
04-Aug-90	Sat	21	5	4	92.8	18.7	7.7
05-Aug-90	Sun	20	5	3	130.6	18.9	7.8
06-Aug-90	Mon	86	21	34	136.2	19.8	7.8
07-Aug-90	Tue	170	16	16	118.8	19.6	7.9
08-Aug-90	Wed	130	21	40	112.6	20.7	7.7
09-Aug-90	Thu	80	20	49	127.0	22.8	7.4
10-Aug-90	Fri	30	16	25	107.0	21.0	7.7
11-Aug-90	Sat	40	6	14	85.4	19.7	7.0
12-Aug-90	Sun	33	5	11	130.8	20.2	7.4
13-Aug-90	Mon	89	21	30	102.8	20.0	7.6
14-Aug-90	Tue	100	20	23	115.4	22	8
15-Aug-90	Wed	56	21	29	119.8	22	8
16-Aug-90	Thu	56	20	34	120.0	23	8
17-Aug-90	Fri	43	12	19	96.8	21	7
18-Aug-90	Sat	49	5	10	80.4	20	7
19-Aug-90	Sun	24	5	10	110.8	20	7
20-Aug-90	Mon	180	24	28	NSC	NSC	NSC
21-Aug-90	Tue	110	20	23	NSC	NSC	NSC
22-Aug-90	Wed	89	NSC	24	NSC	NSC	NSC
23-Aug-90	Thu	>180	NSC	NSC	NSC	NSC	NSC
Avg		82.50	20.50	27.03	117.56	21.0	7.61
Max		>180	65	61	170	24	8
Min		19	5	3	80	19	7

BOD₅ Reporting limit: 2 mg/L

TKN Reporting limit: 1 mg/L

NH₄ as N Reporting limit: 0.5 mg/L

24-Aug-90 BOD₅ was reported as greater than 180 mg/l

NSC Denotes No Samples Collected

The ammonia nitrogen/TKN ratio based on the data presented in Table 7 is 0.75. This ratio indicates that 75 percent of the nitrogen is in the ammonia form. During the weekday, ammonia concentrations exceed what would normally be expected in domestic wastewater. Daily ammonia concentrations as high as 65 mg/l were found in the wastewater which is high relative to domestic wastewater which is usually found to be in concentrations between 25 mg/l and 30 mg/l for medium strength domestic wastewater.

Figure 2 shows the sample results for BOD₅ and ammonia. As shown, STP influent water quality varied substantially from weekend to week day. The STP facility must be capable of addressing these wide loading variances during normal operations.

The actual mass load (pounds/day of any particular contaminant) that must be treated at the STP is a function of the BOD₅ concentration and flow product i.e., flow multiplied by concentration. Figure 3 shows loads arriving at the STP during the sampling period. The lowest loads occurred on weekends when the workforce was small. Over weekends the average BOD₅ and ammonia load was 46.2 pounds per day and 8.54 pounds per day, respectively. During the week the average BOD₅ and ammonia load was 205.4 pounds per day and 53.9 pounds per day, respectively. The maximum BOD₅ load of 373.63 lbs/d occurred on Thursday, August 23. On this date, the BOD₅ was reported as greater than 180 mg/l. An assumed value of 200 mg/l was used to calculate the load. The maximum ammonia load of 119.26 lbs/d occurred on a Monday.

Weekday loads were about 130 percent of the average load while weekend loads were about 25 percent of the average load. The ratio of average weekday to average weekend day loads was 4.4:1 for BOD₅ and 6.3:1 for ammonia.

In addition to the composite sampling mentioned above, 24 one-hour discrete samples were collected on August 29, 1990. Results of this sampling are contained in Appendix B and plotted on Figure 4 for BOD₅, ammonia, and TKN. Figure 4 depicts the diurnal variation in plant loading. The plateau in the BOD₅ at 200 mg/l, for the period from 1400 hours August 29 to

2300 hours August 30, is the result of the laboratory results being reported as >180 mg/l. It is important to note that the TKN, BOD₅ and ammonia loads varied considerably even though the flow was being equalized upstream at Building 990. Concentrations of BOD₅ peaked at 250 mg/l in the early afternoon after lunch (1200 to 1300 hours). The ratio of peak load to average load over the diurnal cycle was 2.2 for TKN and 1.9 for ammonia. As "a rule of thumb" this represents a minimum safety factor to prevent ammonia bleed through at peak loads (EPA, 1975).

Metals data collected during the 24 hour composite samples are also included in Appendix B. All metals concentrations are below 1 mg/l in the STP influent with the exception of aluminum, iron and magnesium; however, these metals are not expected to be toxic to a biological wastewater treatment system. Metals known to be toxic to biological systems include zinc, copper, mercury, chromium, nickel and silver. Relevant literature suggests that 10 to 20 mg/l of heavy metals can be tolerated at pH values of 7.5 to 8.0 (EPA, 1975). Since December 19, 1988, the only recorded toxic event recorded at the STP was on February 23, 1989. On that date, a chromium spill occurred causing significant loss of the activated sludge biomass (Richard, 1989).

Silver has been found to be extremely toxic to nitrification of secondary effluent utilizing fixed film plastic media (EPA, 1975). Silver was detected in the STP influent in concentrations ranging from undetectable to .012 mg/l. The metals concentrations detected should serve as a precaution against considering fixed film nitrification systems. An indirect method of evaluating wastewater quality is to evaluate waste sludge quality. This technique is especially useful when evaluating metals because they tend to concentrate in waste sludge. High concentrations of silver were found in the drying beds (ASI, 1990e). The reported maximum silver concentration in the sludge was 38,700 parts per billion (ppb), indicating that silver has been a persistent compound in the wastewater treated at the STP. Other sludge metal concentrations are also presented in Table 8.

Table 8
Summary of Maximum Values of
Inorganics Detected in Sewage Sludge

<u>Constituent</u>	<u>Concentration (ppb)</u>
Aluminum	49,300
Antimony	15.4
Arsenic	25.7
Barium	890
Beryllium	2.9
Cadmium	128
Calcium	215,600
Chromium	380
Copper	1,110
Iron	25,530
Lead	239
Magnesium	3,190
Manganese	278
Mercury	9.8
Nickel	75
Potassium	50,800
Selenium	4.8
Silver	38,700
Zinc	3,500


Organic compounds aggregated as oil and grease, were also analyzed as a result of the 24 hour composite sampling; results are included in Appendix B. Most organic pollutants are removed in the activated sludge process by biooxidation, air stripping, or adsorption to the floc micro biological (Eckenfelder, 1989).

3.3 EXISTING SANITARY TREATMENT PLANT

The original STP was constructed in 1952 and has undergone numerous expansions and modifications since then. The original STP consisted of a primary clarifier, an "aerated clarifier", a chlorine contact basin, and an anaerobic sludge digester. This is currently referred to as Train 1. It has been estimated by STP personnel that Train 1 was rated at 80,000 gpd.

Over the next 15 years the original plant was expanded through the addition of what is currently referred to as Train 2 i.e., a second primary clarifier, three "aerated clarifiers", a chlorine contact basin, and a second anaerobic sludge digester. The tankage associated with Train 2 is larger than that associated with Train 1.

In the late 1960's and early 1970's a tertiary clarifier and pressure filters were added to the facility. During this same time period the Building 990 flow equalization basins were added to the Sanitary Sewer System. Two of the four "aerated clarifiers" were removed from service in the early 1970's due to corrosion and were then converted to aerobic digesters.

 The existing sewage treatment plant is a conventional activated sludge facility consisting of two parallel trains. Currently only Train 2 is being used. Each train consists of a primary clarifier, aeration basin, and final clarifier as shown on Figure 5. A single comminutor grinds solids at the head of the plant. Although there are two parallel trains, all tankage is unequally sized and without proportional flow control. The operators attempt to split the flow manually at the influent splitter box.

After each train alum and polymer are added to the effluent in a chemical mixing chamber. Chemical dosage is about 40mg/l alum and 2mg/l polymer. After the chemicals are added the effluent is conveyed to a tertiary clarifier and is then pumped through pressure filters. Turbidities leaving the pressure filter are about 0.5 Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU). The effluent is then chlorinated (chlorine) and dechlorinated (sulfur dioxide) prior to discharge to the receiving stream.

The aeration basins rely on two 7-1/2 horse power (HP) "aerolators" each for oxygen transfer. Although there was at one time a diffused aeration system (including blowers), the diffused air system was inadequate. The diffusers were installed at unequal depths causing air flow distribution problems. Return activated sludge (RAS) is pumped with an air lift pump and measured with a V-notch weir. Waste activated sludge (WAS) is pumped directly out of the aeration basins with a submersible pump. Typical mixed liquor suspended solids levels (MLSS) are about 2000 mg/l.

3.4 SANITARY TREATMENT PLANT PERFORMANCE

Plant operating data was obtained from progress reports numbers 1 through 4 prepared under Contract No. ASC 40600WS (Dr. Mike Richard, 1989a, 1989b) for the period December 19, 1988 to February 6, 1990. These reports show that the plant is consistently capable of treating the present carbonaceous BOD₅ load. The plant goes in and out of nitrification (conversion of ammonia to nitrate) as the ammonia load cycles from weekend to weekday. Tabulated nitrogen data show a cyclic trend of partial nitrification occurring at the beginning of the week (Monday) and decreasing to minimal nitrification by Friday. This trend indicates that the plant has the microbiological population (nitrifiers) capable of partial nitrification when loads are down near the weekend. Effluent ammonia concentrations ranged between 0 to 30.7 mg/l; nitrate, the product of ammonia conversion, ranged between 0 and 18.1 mg/l. Operation in this mode results in weekend exceedance of the NPDES permit nitrate standard.

The STP operation was recently changed such that only Train 2 is utilized in treating wastewater. As a result, the plant has not been nitrifying and is now meeting its nitrate limit of 10 mg/l. With future effluent limits for ammonia nitrogen, this mode of operation may not be possible; i.e., ammonia limits may be violated.

3.4.1 Major Unit Process Evaluation

Major unit processes were evaluated for their capacity to treat current loadings to current NPDES permit limits. Additionally, existing unit processes were evaluated for nitrification capability in the hopes that only denitrification would need to be added. A flow of 250,000 gpd was used in the evaluation. Plant information was also obtained from a questionnaire completed by plant personnel and confirmed by field tour. A copy of the questionnaire and a memo summarizing the plant tour are included in Appendix C.

Items A through F below describe the processes evaluated in this study. All of the following descriptions will assume the flow split as described in item a below.

a. Primary Treatment

Primary treatment consists of screening and a comminutor prior to flow splitting to the two trains. Flow generally passes through the comminutor which does not work. Screening and comminution at the plant are redundant since these functions already take place at Building 990. Flow splitting is critical to proper operation of the plant because the two trains are unequally sized. No accurate measurement capability for flow splitting exists. The operators try to split the flow 70 percent to Train 2 and 30 percent to Train 1.

b. Primary Clarifiers

The purpose of primary clarifiers is to decrease the load on the activated sludge system. In this case it is also used to settle waste activated sludge prior to the pumping of sludge to the anaerobic digesters. Since the RFP waste load has little settleable material, the value of primary clarification is questionable. Primary clarifier #1 has a surface overflow rate of 390 gpd/sq ft and primary clarifier #2 of 486 gpd/sq ft, both well below an accepted value of 800 gpd/sq ft. The weirs do not appear to be overloaded.

c. Activated Sludge/Aeration Basins

The aeration basins have a combined volume of 112,843 gallons. At 250,000 gpd, the resulting hydraulic detention time is 10.8 hours. At current average and peak BOD₅ loads this corresponds to volumetric loadings of 14.2 and 24.2 lb/d/1,000 cu ft., respectively. Each basin has two 7-1/2 horsepower mechanical aerators rated at 2.5 lbs O₂/ hp-hr under standard conditions i.e., sea level. At the plant elevation of 5,923 ft and a July wastewater temperature of 24°C, each aerator can provide 1.0 lbs O₂/ hp-hr or 180 lbs O₂/d. The peak oxygen demand that occurred during this same period is calculated as follows:

$$\text{BOD}_5: 1.4 \text{ lbO}_2/\text{lb BOD}_5 \times 373.6 \text{ lb/d} = 523 \text{ lb/d}$$

(Conversion of organic carbon to carbon dioxide)

$$\text{NH}_3: 4.6 \text{ lbO}_2/\text{lb NH}_3 \times 119.3 \text{ lb/d} = \underline{549 \text{ lb/d}}$$

(Conversion of ammonia to nitrate)

1,072 lb/d

The total organic carbon load of 523 lb/day exceeded the aeration capacity by about 200 lb/day (523-320=203). No capacity exists for the conversion of ammonia to nitrate under these load conditions. Assuming the 30-70 percent flow split noted earlier the following results:

aerator #1 capacity	= 360 lb/d
30% to aeration basin #1	= <u>-322 lb/d</u>
aeration surplus	38 lb/d
aerator #2 capacity	= 360 lb/d
70% to aeration basin #1	= <u>-750 lb/d</u>
aeration deficit	-390 lb/d

Under a nitrification operating mode, alkalinity or system buffer capacity is reduced. Approximately 7.14 mg of alkalinity as CaCO₃ is destroyed for each milligram of nitrogen oxidized, thus depressing alkalinity and, potentially, pH. Because the nitrification process is pH dependent, sufficient alkalinity must be present for proper process operation. During the supplemental sampling period the average alkalinity was 120.36 mg/l as CaCO₃. To oxidize the 65 mg/l ammonia nitrogen experienced during this same period, at least 464 mg/l of alkalinity was needed to maintain pH. In confirmation of this discussion, effluent pH values as low as 3.7 have been reported by Michael Richard, Ph.D. (Richard, 1989a, 1989b, 1990a, 1990b) when operation has been directed toward nitrification.

d. Secondary Clarifiers

The purpose of secondary clarifiers is to separate microbiological mass (mixed liquor suspended solids) from the treated wastewater. Another major purpose of the secondary clarifiers is to thicken the sludge before removal from the clarifier. The RFP secondary clarifiers use air lift pumps to return sludge to the aeration basins. Smaller air lift pumps were installed to waste sludge but these are not used because there is no way to measure the flow. Instead, a small submersible pump is lowered into the aeration basins and mixed liquor is pumped to the primary clarifiers where it is settled and then pumped to anaerobic digester #2. The surface overflow rate for secondary clarifier #1 is 132 gpd/sq ft and for secondary clarifier #2 259 gpd/sq ft. Typically, a secondary clarifier operated below 600 gpd/sq ft can be expected to perform well.

e. Disinfection

The chlorine contact tanks are operated in series and provide 27.2 minutes of detention time at 250,000 gpd. Although this is less than the 30 minutes required by the State of Colorado, no evidence was found to indicate that required disinfection levels were not being attained.

f. Sludge Handling

Sludge handling facilities in activated sludge plants are typically ranked by controllability of the sludge wasting process. Control of waste sludge at RFP is attained by a measuring pump run time for a small submersible pump lowered into the aeration basin. The waste sludge is pumped to the primary clarifiers. The primary sludge is then pumped to the digester using a recessed impeller pump. The pump is run until the sludge stream becomes clear. Approximate sludge waste quantities were determined from discussions with plant operators. Waste sludge is pumped to the primary clarifier at an estimated 13,000 gpd at a concentration of 1,000 mg/l (108 lb/d). Primary sludge is pumped to the digesters at an estimated 1,500 gpd at 15,000 mg/l (188 lb/d).

The existing digesters retain the sludge for approximately 60 days at 1,500 gpd (188 lb/d). The existing sand drying beds used for sludge dewatering are sized for 6,500 gallons per week at 3 percent solids (232 lb/d). Approximately 4,000 gallons per week of digester supernatant is returned to the head of the plant. A solids mass balance on the RFP system could not be achieved due to a lack of flow and solids concentration data.

3.4.2 Performance-Limiting Factors

During this evaluation a number of treatment plant performance limiting factors were identified:

Process Control Testing (Operation Problem)

Historically, process control testing has not been performed because the STP does not have a lab for use by operators. Lab equipment is currently being purchased and Michael Richard, Ph.D. will be training the operators in process control testing. In addition, an influent metering flume was to be installed to develop accurate influent flow records.

Sludge Handling (Design Problem)

The existing sludge drying beds are inadequate and the anaerobic digesters, although still in service, are not functioning as required. The existing anaerobic digesters should be converted to aerobic digesters for both safety and process considerations. A new belt filter press and dryer will be purchased for installation during the winter of 1991.

At present, there is no way to effectively concentrate and control activated sludge mixed liquor suspended solids (MLSS) due to the clarifier design. Since the secondary clarifiers do not have a waste sludge hopper, sufficient means to concentrate and measure the amount of sludge wasted is not available.

Return Process Streams (Design Problem)

Anaerobic digester supernatant is returned directly to the aeration basins which adversely impacts process performance. When the belt filter press becomes operational, press filtrate will also be returned to the aeration basins. Digester supernatant has an ammonia concentration of about 300 mg/l; with new NPDES permit limits on ammonia, this will restrict plant discharge. The conversion from anaerobic to aerobic digesters noted above would minimize the ammonia problem.

Aeration & pH Control (Design Problem)

Inadequate aeration capacity exists to handle both the organic (BOD_5) and ammonia load to the plant. When organic loads are down and the plant nitrifies alkalinity is consumed, causing a lower pH. Additional aeration capacity is required to nitrify consistently and chemical feed facilities are needed to control (raise) pH.

Flow splitting capability at the influent splitter box is inadequate for flows proportional to the capacity of each train. This results in the need to operate two independent plants, with aeration capacity and pH problems specific to each train.

Denitrification (Design Problem)

There are no provisions for denitrification.

4.0 FUTURE CONDITIONS

4.1 PLANNED STP UPGRADES

Thirteen upgrade projects are currently underway at the STP. These projects are listed below.

- 1) Influent/Instrumentation - The instrumentation project is currently under construction. The project consists of continuous influent pH, conductivity and hydrocarbon vapor monitoring. Also included in the project is an on-line respirometer for toxicity testing. This project should also include an automated influent sampler and influent flow meter.
- 2) Effluent Instrumentation - The effluent instrumentation project is in the design phase. This project consists of an effluent flow nozzle, metering and totalizing.
- 3) Autochlorination/Dechlorination - The autochlorination/dechlorination project is in the design phase. This project consists of automating the existing chlorination system and the installation of a new sulfur dioxide dechlorination system.
- 4) Influent Storage Tanks - The influent tanks are under design. They are being designed to hold influent waste that might be toxic due to a spill within RFP.
- 5) Effluent Storage Tanks - The effluent tanks are also under design. They are being designed to store wastewater in the event of a spill.
- 6) Enclose Pressure Sand Filter Valves - A scope and estimate is being prepared to enclose the sand filter valves. This project will provide shelter over the filters.
- 7) Sewage Sludge Dewatering - A scope and estimate has also been prepared for a belt filter press to dewater sludge prior to the rotary sludge dryer following dewatering. A 0.7 meter press housed in the existing sludge drying bed area is proposed. The dewatering and drying projects could impact the treatment process. The 0.7 meter belt filter press is proposed to be located in drying bed area No. 4. The press will dewater sludge from the anaerobic digesters. The filtrate will be returned to the aeration basins. The filtrate consists of ammonia laden liquid from the dewatered sludge and wash water (plant effluent).
- 8) Rotary Sludge Dryer - A scope and estimate has been prepared for a rotary sludge dryer following dewatering. A gas fired dryer is being proposed.

- 9) Drying Bed Improvements - The drying bed improvement project is currently on hold. The sludge dewatering and rotary sludge dryer projects obviate the need for drying bed improvements.
- 10) Shelter (Polymer Feed System) - A scope and estimate is being prepared for a shelter to house the polymer feed system.
- 11) Pond Sampling Ramps - A scope and estimate is being prepared to install sampling ramps in Pond B-3.
- 12) Nitrification/Denitrification - A scope and estimate has been prepared to construct facilities suitable for nitrification and denitrification of wastewater.
- 13) Emergency Generator - A scope and estimate is being prepared for an emergency generator. The existing STP has no emergency power source in case of power failure.

4.2 POPULATION/WORKFORCE LEVELS

Through meetings with RFP personnel it was agreed that facilities should be planned for a future workforce of 9,000. In addition, the future STP must be designed with sufficient flexibility to reduce its capacity for an estimated a workforce as low as 3,000.

4.3 FLOW AND WASTE LOADS

Flow projections are inexact for a number of reasons. Anticipated future flow is based on the workforce projections and water use habits similar to those which currently exist. Another variable is the quantity of infiltration and inflow (I/I). Infiltration and inflow is being evaluated as a result of Task 1 (ASI, 1990d). The workforce and flow data discussed in Section 3.0 form the basis for the following flow projections.

Future flows at 9,000 population:

Weekday

$$(9,000/6,200) \times 250,000 \text{ gpd} = 362,610 \text{ gpd} \quad \text{Use } 400,000 \text{ gpd}$$

Weekend

$$(9,000/6,200) \times 100,000 \text{ gpd} = 144,950 \text{ gpd} \quad \text{Use } 145,000 \text{ gpd}$$

Future flows at 3,000 population:

Weekday

$$(3,000/6,200) \times 250,000 \text{ gpd} = 120,790 \text{ gpd} \quad \text{Use } 125,000 \text{ gpd}$$

Weekend

$$(3,000/6,200) \times 100,000 \text{ gpd} = 48,320 \text{ gpd} \quad \text{Use } 48,000 \text{ gpd}$$

Waste organic and ammonia loadings have been evaluated based on data collected as part of this study. As described in Section 3.0, loadings to the plant are highly variable. The loads selected for design must account for this variability. Based on the limited data collected, it appears likely that high BOD₅ loads will occur simultaneously with high ammonia loads. The maximum temperature recorded was 24°C; minimum wastewater temperature along the front range of Colorado vary from 7°C in Woodland Park (El. 8130 msl) to 10°C in Fort Collins (El. 4880 msl). The load projections/design parameters shown in Table 9 will be used to project future conditions given the assumptions noted above.

Table 9
STP Design Parameters

INFLUENT

Nominal Plant Capacity @ 9,000 pop.	400,000 gpd
Design BOD ₅ Concentration	200 mg/l
Design BOD ₅ Load @ 200 mg/l	667 lbs/d
Design Ammonia Concentration as N	65 mg/l
Design Ammonia Load @ 65 mg/l	217 lbs/d
Alkalinity as CaCO ₃	100 mg/l
Influent pH	7.0
Minimum Temperature	10 °C
Maximum Temperature	24 °C
Nominal Plant Capacity @ 3,000 pop.	125,000 gpd
Design BOD ₅ Concentration	200 mg/l
Design BOD ₅ Load @ 200 mg/l	209 lbs/d
Design Ammonia Concentration as N	65 mg/l
Design Ammonia Load @ 65 mg/l	68 lbs/d
Alkalinity as CaCO ₃	100 mg/l
Influent pH	7.0
Minimum Temperature	10 °C
Maximum Temperature	24 °C

EFFLUENT

	<u>30-Day Avg.</u>	<u>7-Day Avg.</u>	<u>Daily Max.</u>
BOD ₅ -mg/l	10	--	25
TSS-mg/l	30	45	--
Fecal Coliform-No/100ml	200	400	--
Nitrates (as N)-mg/l	10	10	--
Ammonia (as N)-mg/l	1	1	--
Total Residual Chlorine-mg/l	--	--	0.003 (Not detectable)
Total Chromium-mg/l	0.05	--	0.10
Total Phosphorous (as P)-mg/l	8	--	12
pH units	Between 6.0 and 9.0		
Oil and Grease	Shall be less than 10 mg/l		

5.0 TREATMENT ALTERNATIVES

Wastewater treatment/reuse systems are capable of serving a wide range of objectives including attainment of water quality levels suitable for direct potable municipal reuse. Objectives are sometimes limited to nominal levels of performance in organic and suspended solids removal, but with high degrees of separation of any particular constituent e.g., ammonia-nitrogen reduction for toxicity control and nitrate-nitrogen reduction for public health reasons.

In the context of this study and for purposes of wastewater treatment for pollution control, the entire dry weather flow must be treated and problems of diurnal and seasonal flow/quality variations dealt with. Often, quantity/quality transients associated with infiltration and inflow (stormwater) must be treated. Additionally, the demand for reusable water may be seasonal and not match the wastewater supply, although impoundment/storage may be used to overcome these production/demand disparities.

Flow variations in wastewater systems may strongly influence process selection and subsequent design/construction. Additionally, industrial wastewaters sometimes dominate the wastewater flow, thus requiring additional project-specific process selection criteria.

In summary, the selection of any wastewater "system" depends on wastewater characteristics, desired effluent properties, overall operating reliability, capital, and operations and maintenance costs. Typically, specific physical (P), chemical (C) and biological (B) unit operations/processes (or combinations thereof) are matched with site-specific criteria to arrive at a selected treatment train. Depending on operating reliability requirements, single or parallel treatment trains are prescribed.

Conventional wastewater treatment systems include the following (letter designations are defined above):

- primary treatment (P)
- secondary treatment (B, P, C)
activated sludge (many variations).
trickling filters/related fixed media devices w/ or w/o chemicals (B, B/P/C)
- chlorination (C)

Reuse/recycle treatment systems may include the following:

- activated sludge nitrification (B)
- activated sludge denitrification (B)
- fixed film nitrification (B)
- fixed film denitrification (B)
- filtration (P, C)
- chemical addition; alum or lime (with or without ammonia stripping (C))
- carbon (granular or powdered) adsorption (C, P)
- ammonia reduction via breakpoint chlorination (C)
- ozonation (C)
- land application (B, C, P)
- aquaculture; wetlands, plants, combined systems (B, C, P)
- membrane separation (ultrafiltration) (P)
- ion exchange (P, C)
- membrane separation (reverse osmosis) (P)
- membrane separation (electrodialysis) (P, C)
- others or combinations of all of the above.

Ion exchange, electrodialysis and reverse osmosis are often employed in recycle/reuse applications to remove the increment of minerals (salts) added with any particular water use. With any reuse application, continued reuse results in the need to remove salts to a level

consistent with the particular water use. Salt blowdown (waste concentrated brine) accompanies this effort.

In addition to the issues of reuse, treatment train criteria and selection, site specific criteria and others, one must expect the reuse effort to be conducted in concert with an aggressive waste source separation/prereatment program, control of excessive infiltration/inflow and a water conservation program, all in conformance with current water rights law.

Last, it must be remembered that residual solids are generated in any program of wastewater treatment and reuse. Residuals handling and ultimate utilization/disposal are oftentimes the driving force for the type of wastewater liquid stream treatment facility selected. In the case of the RFP this is certainly the case. For example, waste solids minimization eliminates serious consideration of chemical treatment techniques such as lime or alum addition.

5.1 INITIAL SCREENING OF ALTERNATIVES

As a result of weekly progress meetings held at the RFP an initial screening of alternatives was performed. As a result of this screening process the decision was made to look at treatment systems appropriate for treatment and discharge to Walnut Creek under an NPDES permit. Furthermore, it was determined that the treatment system selected must be capable of treating the highly variable loads experienced at the STP, be a proven system, be reliable, and that any new construction must not disrupt treatment or service to the RFP.

Upgrading the existing activated sludge biological treatment plant will require additional tankage to treat design loads. At 400,000 gpd and an operating mixed liquor suspended solids (MLSS) of 2500 mg/l at 10°C, about 330,000 gallons of tankage will be required to nitrify 65 mg/l ammonia as N. Under the same conditions at 125,000 gpd about 104,000 gallons of tankage will be required to nitrify. Theoretical steady state ammonia concentration in the effluent NPDES

would be 0.3 mg/l. The existing STP has a total aeration tank volume of 112,843 gallons. This tankage is not adequate for the future design condition of 400,000 gpd.

From the treatment alternatives and initial screening process described above, the projected effluent permit standards and RFP historical use of biological treatment, two biological treatment alternatives were selected for further evaluation.

5.1.1 Bardenpho Process (Activated Sludge) - Alternative No. 1

The Bardenpho process was initially looked at as a process to nitrify, denitrify and remove phosphorous. It is a patented treatment process that has been used successfully for nutrient removal throughout the world. The process is a multi-stage biological process that removes BOD, suspended solids, nitrogen and phosphorous without the use of chemicals. The process consists of a fermentation stage, first anoxic stage, nitrification stage, second anoxic stage, and a reparation stage. The advantage of the Bardenpho process is that it eliminates the use of chemicals. The disadvantage is that it requires considerable space.

5.1.2 Upgrading the Existing STP (Activated Sludge/SBR) - Alternative No. 2

Another option is to upgrade the existing STP with the addition of activated sludge batch reactors. A sequencing batch reactor (SBR) is a fill and draw activated sludge treatment system. Municipal and industrial wastewaters have been successfully treated in batch reactor systems. The Arapahoe Water and Sanitation District, which serves the south Denver Tech Center, uses batch reactor technology to successfully treat a highly variable waste load. Batch reactors are also used in numerous industrial applications. Typical applications include food processing, high nitrogen munitions wastes, and petrochemical wastes.

Typically the batch reactor is configured with at least two activated sludge basins to a system. Each basin is operated in a five step sequence as follows:

- Fill
- React (aeration)
- Settle (sedimentation and clarification)
- Draw (decant clarified effluent)
- Idle (sludge wasting)

Batch reactors have several advantages inherent to the system which are appropriate to the situation at the RFP. The advantages of batch reactors over conventional systems are detailed in several sources (EPA, 1986), (Montgomery, 1984). The advantages for the RFP are summarized as follows:

- An SBR serves as an equalization basin and therefore can tolerate greater peak flows and shock loads. Several small, existing, continuous flow, activated sludge plants which were not producing good effluent due to excessive load variations have shown significant improvements in performance after conversion to the SBR mode.
- Because effluent discharge is periodic it is possible to hold effluent until discharge requirements are met. Likewise it is possible to hold a toxic condition and then pump it to effluent holding tanks instead of discharging.
- When flow and loads are smaller than design capacity, liquid level sensors can be set at lower levels. In this way you can prevent wasting power by over operation.
- Mixed liquor solids cannot be washed out by hydraulic surges since they are held in a tank and not discharged until ready.
- No return activated sludge pumping is required since the mixed liquor is always in the reactor.
- Settling is improved because it occurs under nearly ideal quiescent conditions resulting in settling of small floc particles which may be washed out in continuous flow systems. Sludge is concentrated before wasting to the digester.

- Filamentous growth is more easily controlled by varying operating strategies. Sludge Volume Index (SVI) values have been reduced from about 600 to 50 in a series of batch reactors. Alternating high and low substrate concentrations achieved in a SBR appears to limit filamentous growth but permit the growth of healthy floc forming organisms.
- The SBR can be operated to achieve nitrification, denitrification and phosphorus removal. Nitrification can be enhanced by increasing the react time while denitrification can be enhanced by increasing the settle or draw time.
- A continuous plug flow activated sludge reactor such as the Bardenpho achieve high/low substrate conditions in space rather than time as in a SBR. However, the continuous flow reactor cannot easily change the duration of these substrate conditions as in a SBR.
- Observed Ribonucleic Acid (RNA) content of the microorganisms in the SBR is three to four times greater than would be expected from a conventional continuous flow system. Because the growth rate of microorganisms is known to depend on the RNA content of the cells, the SBR culture is capable of processing a greater quantity of substrate at a rate greater than is possible in a conventional continuous flow system. This is perhaps one of the reasons why the react period is significantly shorter (1 or 2 hours) in an SBR system compared to that provided in a continuous flow system (6 to 12 hours) and why the SBR takes less space than a continuous flow system.

5.2 RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE

The recommended alternative is to upgrade the existing STP with the installation of at least two new activated sludge tanks to serve as batch reactors as noted in Section 5.1.2. Within the alternative evaluation system are weighting factors that influence the overall zero-discharge study. These factors were selected by a committee consisting of cognizant DOE and EG&G personnel. The matrix used to evaluate and weigh Alternatives 1 and 2 is given in Table 10. Shaded areas on Table 10 denote areas of concern. General descriptive comments pertinent to each factor and score follow the matrix.

TABLE 10

EVALUATION MATRIX TASK 10

EVALUATION FACTORS	WEIGHTING FACTOR	BARDENPHO ACTIVATED SLUDGE		SEQUENCING BATCH REACTOR ACTIVATED SLUDGE	
		ALT 1	ALT 2	S	W
CONTROLLED DISCHARGE	10	1	10	1	40
WASTE GENERATION	7	5	35	5	35
RISKS	8	5	40	5	40
COST	6	2	12	5	30
DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE	6	3	18	4	24
FLEXIBILITY	8	3	24	5	40
WATER RIGHTS	5	4	20	4	20
AIR EMISSIONS	10	5	50	5	50
WETLANDS/T&E SPECIES	10	5	50	5	50
IHSS (SWMU)	10	3	30	5	50
PUBLIC ACCEPTABILITY	8	4	32	5	40
TOTALS			321		389
RANK			2		1

S = SCORE;

W = WEIGHTED SCORE = SCORE x WEIGHTING FACTOR

Controlled Discharge - Each alternative was structured to allow treatment and discharge. Therefore, without reuse/recycle component (zero discharge), controlled discharge will occur and ratings for both equal 1.

Waste Generation - Each alternative relies on lightly loaded activated sludge biological treatment, as at present. Light loadings minimize waste activated sludge production. Biological systems almost always produce less residual solids than physical, chemical, or physical/chemical/biological combinations. Neither alternative represents an advantage.

Risk - Each alternative represents the same relative risk assuming parallel unit process/operation capability for both. The deletion of flotation/filtration unit operation will result in a single clarifier only and subsequent higher risk of untreated effluent discharge. Risk factors considered include public health, uncontrolled discharge, standby power/continuous running power (assumed present for both) and effluent toxicity. Rating advantage - none.

Cost - The upgrading of existing facilities via SBR activated sludge represents the most cost effective solution, as the other alternative utilizes new parallel train components of overall larger size and space requirements. Rating advantage to SBR, 5 to 2.

Design and Construction Schedule - Alternative 2 is proposed for construction on the existing site, with no "off-site" constraints known. Alternative 1 represents an alternative with larger space needs and, perhaps, a totally new site. Rating advantage to alternative 2, 4 to 3.

Flexibility - Alternative 2 implemented as recommended i.e., with flotation/filtration, represents parallel unit operation/process capability in all respects through nitrification/denitrification, effluent filtration and disinfection. Alternative 1 does not include filtration capability. Rating advantage to alternative 2, 5 to 3.

Water Rights - Neither alternative represents an advantage re: water rights. No known water rights issues have been examined however, as part of this specific Task. This results in an equal rating of 4.

Air Emissions - Neither alternative represents a distinction re: air emissions. Short term construction emissions would be equal for each alternative.

Wetland, T&E - No evaluation of these issues was conducted as part of this Task. However, it appears as though neither alternative represents any advantage re: wetlands/threatened and endangered species. The continuous discharge of effluent will effectively create a wetland where, originally, one may not have existed.

IHSS/SWMU - Alternative 1 requires a larger site and may require a totally new site. Alternative 2 is planned for the immediate existing site area. Advantage to alternative 2, 5 to 3.

Public Acceptability - Alternative 2 represents an advantage in terms of effluent quality because of effluent filtration with parallel treatment capability. Alternative 1 does not have this total capability. Assuming this represents higher quality effluent and therefore public acceptability, advantage to Alternative 2, 5 to 4.

The process schematic shown in Figure 6 shows the general relationship of recommended improvements to the existing STP. The features of the process are explained in the following text.

5.2.1 Equalization Basins

The existing equalization basins will continue to function with an outlet rate control valve to equalize the flow. The piping between the North and South Basins should be modified so that both Basins can effectively be used.

5.2.2 Grinder

The recommended improvements call for the installation of a new grinder (muffin monster) to grind plastics, rags etc. The purpose of the grinder will be to minimize maintenance. Grindings will be conveyed to the activated sludge tankage and removed on a frequency consistent with the plants maintenance management program. An auto-sampler will be installed downstream of the grinder.

5.2.3 pH Adjustment and Carbon Feed

The pH and alkalinity will be adjusted with the addition of a sodium bicarbonate feeder. The recommended improvements also include a powdered activated carbon (PAC) feeder to help build biomass and adsorb organic compounds. A supplemental source of carbon (methanol, acetone, or brewery wastes) will be added to manage the reduction of nitrate to nitrogen gas (denitrification).

5.2.4 Pump Station

A new pump station will discharge to the activated sludge reactors. The size and configuration of the pump station will depend on the number of activated sludge tanks selected.

5.2.5 Activated Sludge

Biological waste treatment, nitrification and denitrification will be done in activated sludge tanks operated in a batch mode. While two tanks could handle the anticipated flows and loads, four tanks would allow better isolation capability if a toxic spill occurs. Effluent will be discharged to either the new flotation/filtration clarifier or the existing final clarifier.

5.2.6 Flotation/Filtration

Activated sludge effluent will be further treated with the new flotation/filtration clarifier. Using dissolved air, flocs and suspended solids are floated to the surface. The floating solids are then removed. Material that won't float is removed in the sand filter portion of the unit. This unit combines the functions of the existing final clarifier and pressure filters. This new facility will maintain the parallel train capability in combination with the existing clarifier/filters.

5.2.7 Final Clarifier

The existing final clarifier will continue to be used and, in conjunction with the flotation/filtration unit, will maintain the treatment process parallel unit capacity.

5.2.8 Pressure Filters

The existing pressure filters will continue to be used.

5.2.9 Chlorination/Dechlorination

The existing chlorine facilities and dechlorination equipment will continue to be used prior to discharge.

5.2.10 Aerobic Digestion

The existing anaerobic digesters will be converted to aerated sludge holding tanks. The covers will be removed and air diffusers installed.

5.2.11 Belt Press & Dryer

The proposed belt press and dryer will continue to be used to dewater and dry sludge to 60 percent solids. The dried solids will be boxed and shipped to a disposal site.

6.0 COST EVALUATION OF RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE

A preliminary cost estimate for the recommended alternative was described in an ASI report entitled Scope and Estimate for Nitrification/Denitrification, October 9, 1990. The estimated cost summary from that report is presented below.

ESTIMATED COST SUMMARY PROJECT COST ESTIMATING FORMAT

A.	Engineering Design and Inspection (EDI)			\$292,220.00
	EDI Percent of Construction Cost	16%		
	Engineering Title I and II		\$ 143,292.00	
	Engineering Title III		94,138.00	
	Construction Inspection @ 18%		54,790.00	
B.	Land and Land Rights			0.00
C.	Construction Costs		1,826,370.00	
	(1) Improvements to Land	\$ 138,800.00		
	(2) Buildings	1,600,000.00		
	(A) New	0.00		
	(B) Modifications	1,600,600.00		
	(3) Other Structures		0.00	
	(4) Special Facilities		0.00	
	(5) Utilities		0.00	
	(6) Project Construction Management (PCM)		86,970.00	
	PCM Percent of Construction Cost	5%		
D.	Standard Equipment		\$	0.00
E.	Removal Cost Less Salvage		\$	0.00
F.	Contingency @ Approximately 25% of All Other Costs		\$	529,648.00
G.	Total Estimated Cost (TEC)			\$2,648,238.00

7.0 GLOSSARY

Absorption: Assimilation of molecules or other substances into the physical structure of a liquid or solid without chemical reaction.

Activated Sludge: An aerobic biological process for conversion of soluble organic matter to solid biomass, removable by gravity or filtration.

Activated Sludge Treatment: A biological treatment process in which sewage is aerated and agitated with a high concentration of flocculated bacteria and then clarified by sedimentation.

Adsorption: Physical adhesion of molecules or colloids to the surfaces of solids without chemical reaction.

Aeration: Causing intimate contact between liquid and air to dissolve oxygen in the liquid accomplished by diffusing air bubbles into the liquid.

Aerobic Organism: An organism that requires oxygen for its respiration.

Aerobic Treatment: A biological treatment process in which bacteria stabilize organic material in the presence of dissolved oxygen.

Alkalinity: By definition, total alkalinity (also called M alkalinity) is that which will react with acid as the pH of the sample is reduced to the methyl orange endpoint - about pH 4.2. Another significant expression is P alkalinity, which exists above pH 8.2 and is that which reacts with acid as the pH of the sample is reduced to 8.2.

Anaerobic Organism: An organism that thrives in the absence of oxygen.

Anaerobic Treatment: A biological treatment process in which bacteria stabilize organic material in the absence of dissolved oxygen.

Anion: A negatively charged ion resulting from dissociation of salts, acids, or alkalies in aqueous solution

Bacteria: Microscopic single-cell organisms typically identified by their shapes: coccus, spherical; bacillus, rod-shaped; spirillum, curved, etc.

Biocide: A chemical used to control the population of troublesome organisms.

Blowdown: The withdrawal of water from an evaporating water system to maintain a solids balance within specified limits of concentration of those solids.

BOD: Biochemical oxygen demand of a water, being the oxygen required by bacteria for oxidation of the soluble organic matter under controlled test conditions.

Btu: British thermal unit

Buffer: A substance in solution which accepts hydrogen ions or hydroxyl ions added to the solution as acids or alkalis, minimizing a change in pH.

C: Centigrade degrees

Cake: A term applied to a dewatered residue from a belt filter press, centrifuge, or other dewatering device.

Cation: A positively charged ion resulting from dissociation of molecules in solution.

Centrate: The liquid remaining after removal of solids as a cake in a centrifuge.

cfm: cubic foot per minute.

cfs: cubic foot per second.

Chlorination: The application of chlorine, generally to treated sewage, to kill microorganisms that are discharged from the treatment plant with the treated sewage.

Coagulation: The neutralization of the charges on colloidal matter (sometimes considered jointly with flocculation).

COD: Chemical oxygen demand, a measure of organic matter and other reducing substances in water.

Coliform Bacteria: Bacteria found in the intestinal tract of warm-blooded animals and used as indicators of pollution if found in water.

Concentration: The process of increasing the dissolved solids per unit volume of solution, usually by evaporation of the liquid; also, the amount of material dissolved in a unit volume of solution.

Condensate: Water obtained by evaporation and subsequent condensation.

Contaminant: Any foreign component present in another substance; e.g., anything in water that is not H₂O is a contaminant.

Demineralization: Any process used to remove (salt) minerals from water.

Denitrification: In the absence of dissolved oxygen, bacterial breakdown of nitrates to nitrogen gas and oxygen. The oxygen is used by bacteria and the nitrogen gas is released to the atmosphere.

Desalination: The removal of inorganic dissolved solids (salt) from water.

Desalting: The removal of salt.

Dewater: To separate water from sludge to produce a cake that can be handled as a solid.

Disinfection: Application of energy or chemical to kill pathogenic organisms.

D.O.: Dissolved oxygen.

Effluent: The treated and clarified sewage that flows out of the treatment plant.

Equalization: Minimization of variations in flow and mass composition by means of storage.

F: Fahrenheit degrees

Facultative Organisms: Microbes capable of adapting to either aerobic or anaerobic environments.

Filtrate: The liquid remaining after removal of solids as a cake.

Filtration: The process of separating solids from a liquid by means of a porous substance through which only the liquid passes.

Flocculation: The process of agglomerating coagulated particles into settleable floc, usually of a gelatinous nature.

Flotation: A process of separating solids from water by developing a froth in a vessel in such fashion that the solids attach to air bubbles and float to the surface for collection.

F/M ratio: Food-to-mass or food-to-microorganism ratio used to predict the phase of growth being experienced by the major microbial populations in a biological treatment process, such as activated sludge.

gal: gallon

gpcd: gallons per capita per day

gpd: gallon per day

gpm: gallon per minute

hp: horsepower

Infiltration: Leakage of groundwater into sewage piping.

Influent: The untreated sewage that flows into the treatment plant.

kw: kilowatt

lb: pound

Membrane: A barrier, usually thin, that permits the passage only of particles up to a certain size or of special nature.

Metabolize: To convert food, such as soluble organic matter, to cellular matter and gaseous by-products by a biological process.

Microorganism: Organisms (microbes) observable only through a microscope; larger, visible types are called *macroorganisms*.

mg: million gallons, also milligram

mgd: million gallons per day

ml: milliliter

Milligrams Per Liter (mg/l): The same as parts per million (6ppm). An expression of the concentration of a specified component in water. A ratio of grams per million grams, pounds per million pounds, etc.

mg: microgram

Mixed Liquor: The contents of the aeration compartment of an activated sludge treatment plant. A suspension of sewage solids and microorganisms.

Neutralization: Most commonly, a chemical reaction that produces a resulting environment that is neither acidic nor alkaline. Also, the addition of a scavenger chemical to an aqueous system in excess concentration to eliminate a corrosive factor, such as dissolved oxygen.

Nitrification: A biological process in which certain groups of bacteria, in the presence of dissolved oxygen, convert the excess ammonia (NH_3) nitrogen in sewage to the more stable nitrate (NO_3) form.

NPDES permit: The National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit required by and issued by EPA.

Osmosis: The passage of water through a permeable membrane separating two solutions of different concentrations; the water passes into the more concentrated solution.

Oxidation: A chemical reaction in which an element or ion is increased in positive valence, losing electrons to an oxidizing agent.

Pathogens: Disease-producing microbes.

Permeability: The ability of a body to pass a fluid under pressure.

pH: A means of expressing hydrogen ion concentration in terms of the powers of 10; the negative logarithm of the hydrogen ion concentration.

Pollutant: A contaminant at a concentration high enough to endanger the aquatic environment or the public health.

Polymer: A chain of organic molecules produced by the joining of primary units called *monomers*.

ppb: part per billion

ppm: part per million

Precipitate: An insoluble reaction product; in an aqueous chemical reaction, usually a crystalline compound that grows in size to become settleable.

Primary Treatment: A physical process, usually plain sedimentation, used to obtain partial treatment of sewage.

Reverse Osmosis: A process that reverses (by the application of pressure) the flow of water in the natural process of osmosis so that it passes from the more concentrated to the more dilute solution.

SBR: Sequencing Batch Reactor; one of many variations of the activated sludge wastewater treatment process.

Scale: The precipitate that forms on surfaces in contact with water as the result of a physical or chemical change.

Secondary Treatment: A biological treatment process designed to achieve a high degree of sewage stabilization generally through the action of aerobic bacteria. e.g. activated sludge.

Sedimentation: Gravitational settling of solid particles in a liquid system.

Sewage: Waste fluid in a sewer; water supply fouled by various uses through the addition of organic and inorganic material.

Sludge Volume Index: An inverse measure of sludge density.

Softening: The removal of hardness (calcium and magnesium) from water.

Stoichiometric: The ratio of chemical substances reacting in water that corresponds to their combining weights in a theoretical chemical reaction.

Supernate: The liquid overlying the sludge layer in a sedimentation /digestion vessel.

Weir: A spillover device used to measure or control water flow.

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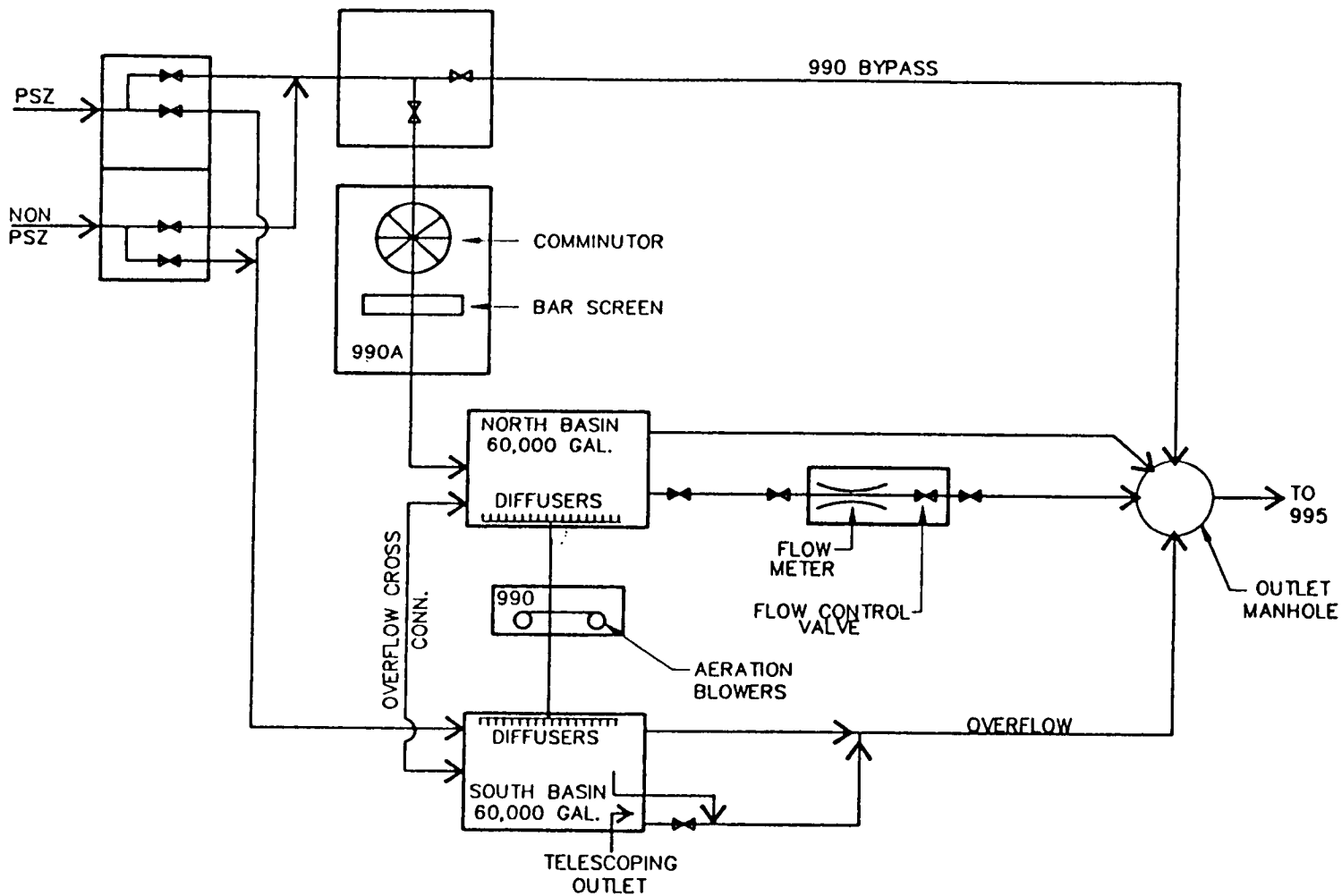
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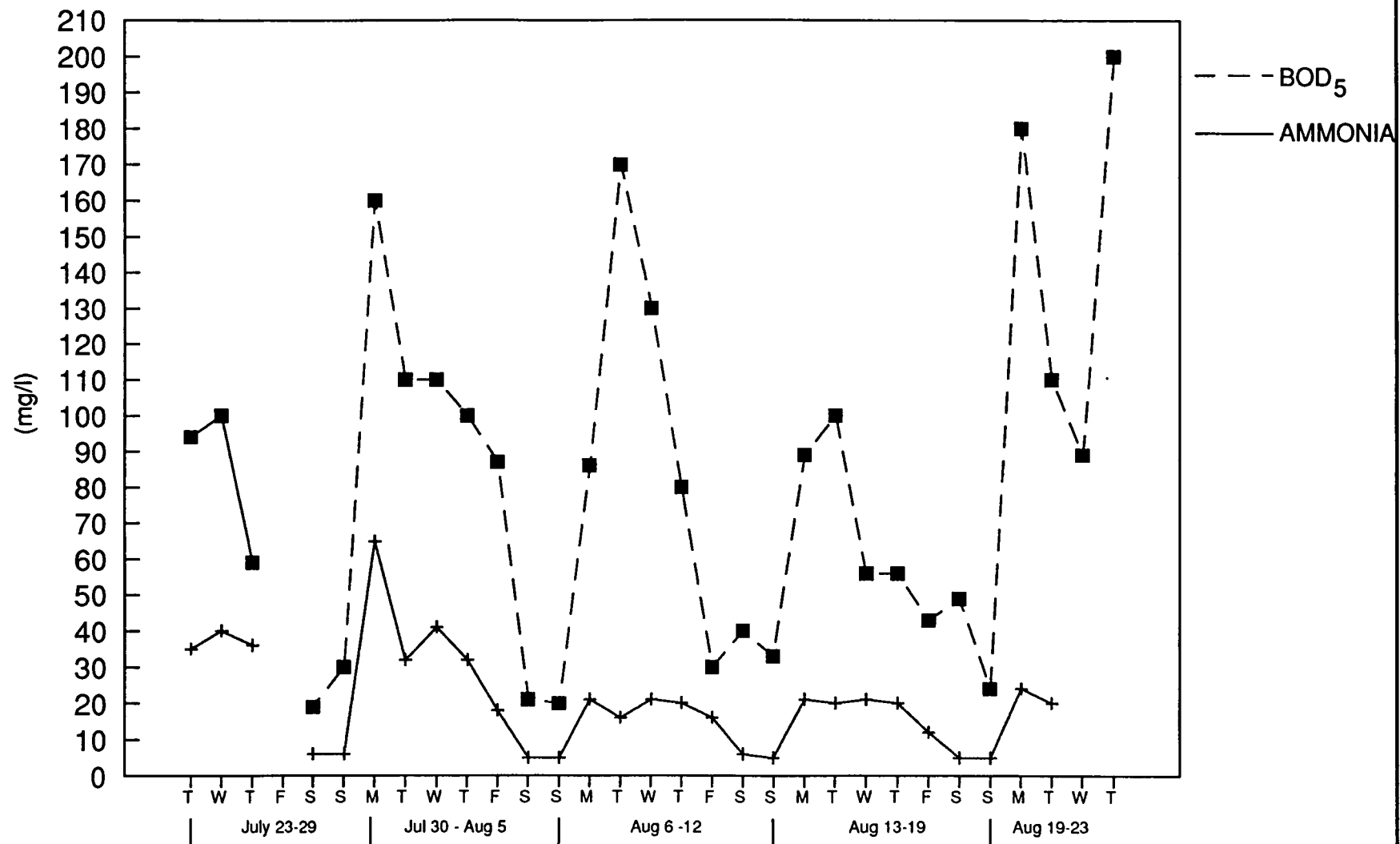
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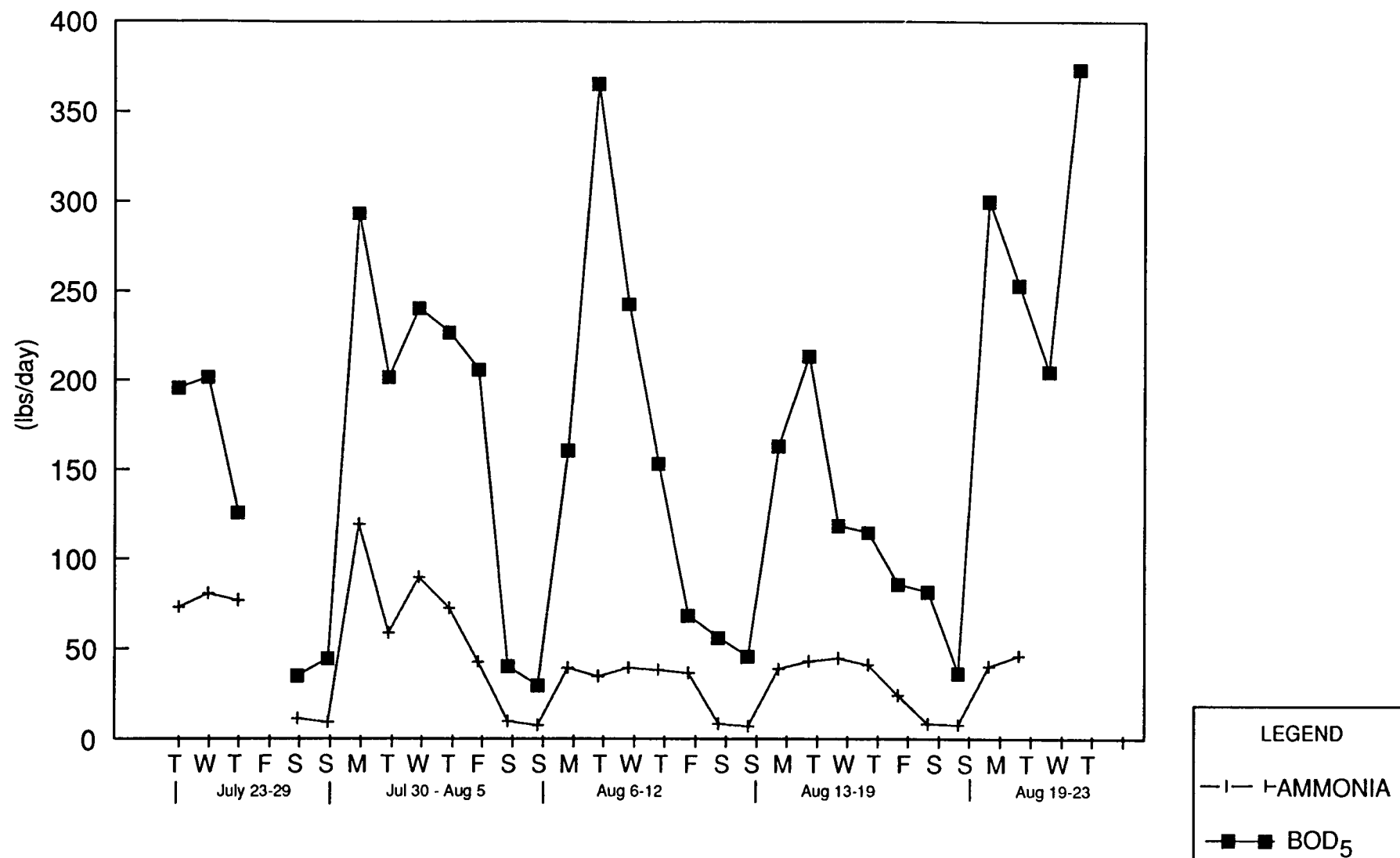
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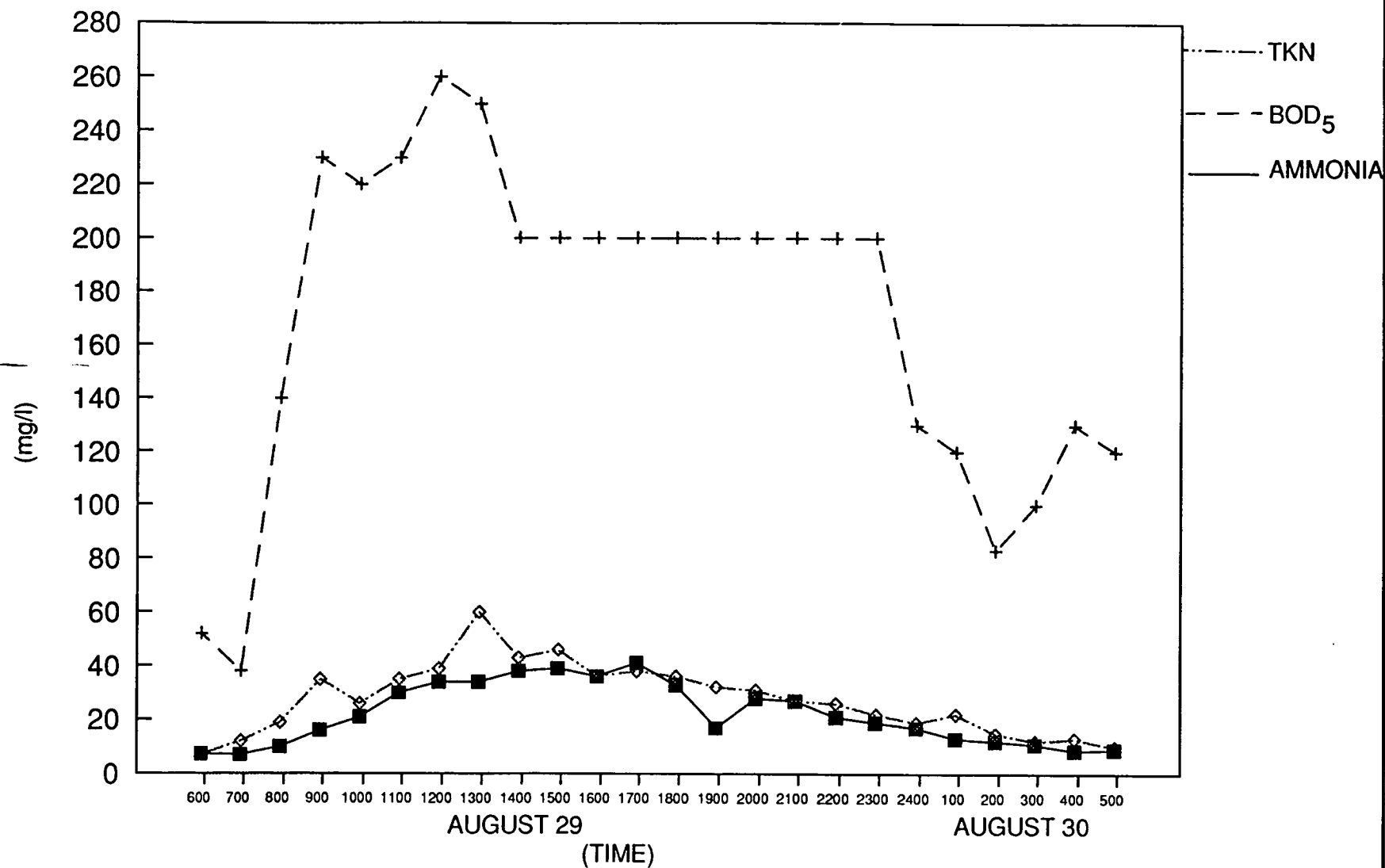
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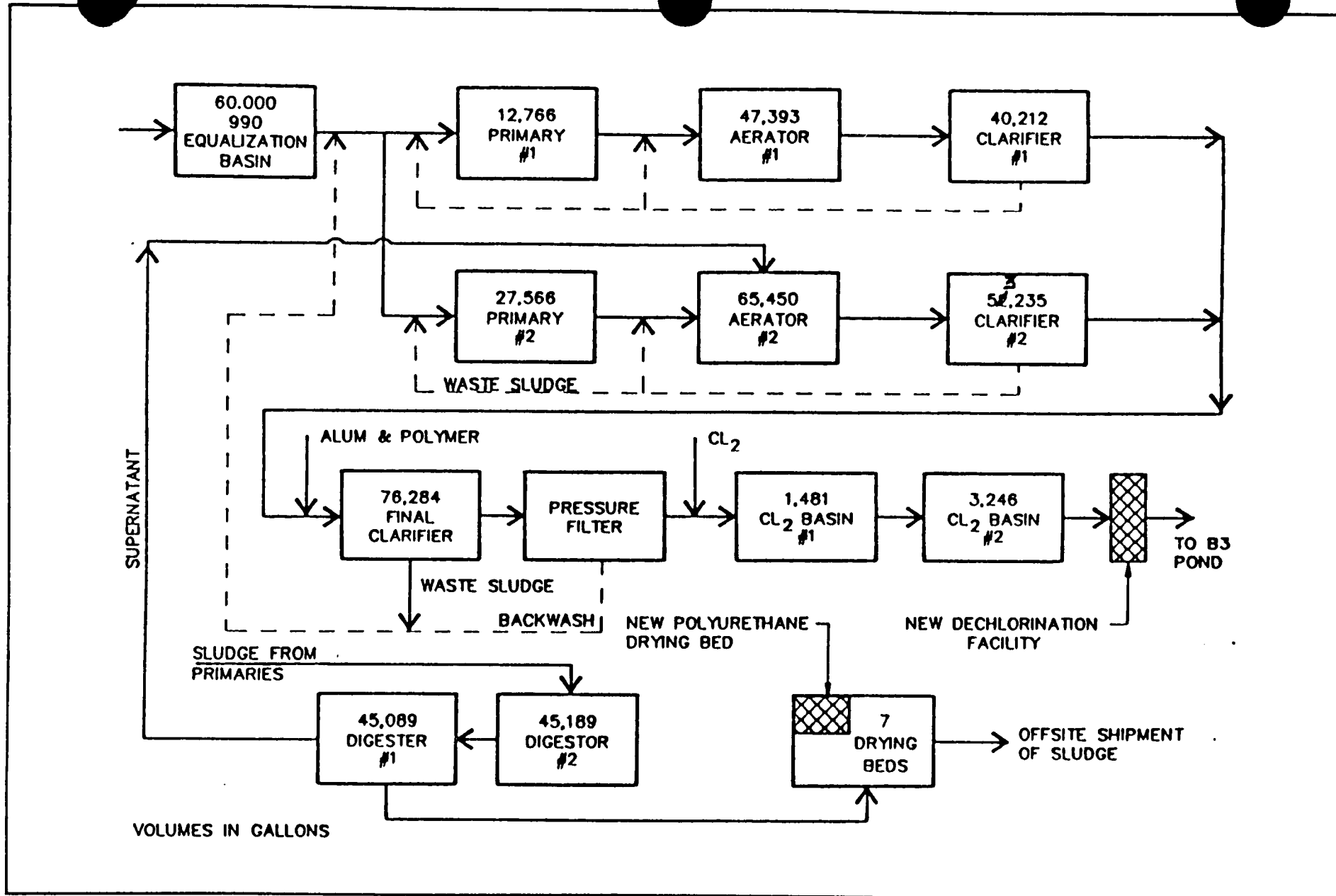
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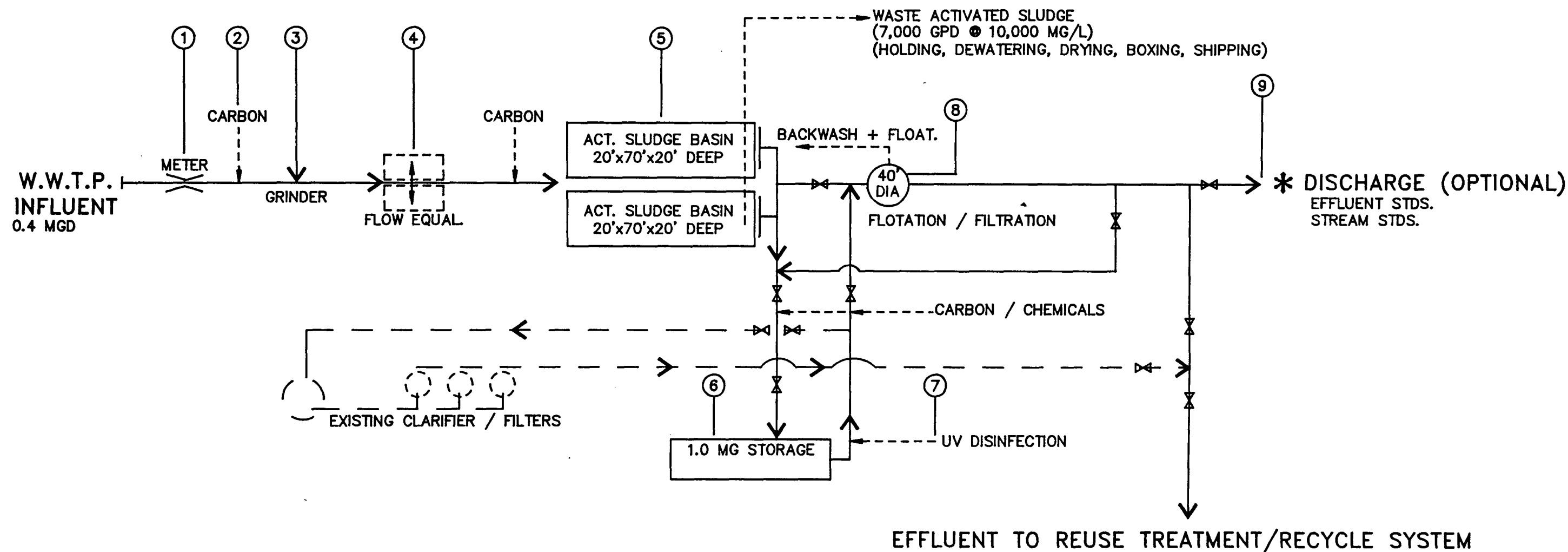





ROCKY FLATS PLANT SANITARY PLANT SCHEMATIC



CONCEPTUAL LIQUID / SOLID SCHEMATIC



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RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE		
SANITARY TREATMENT PLANT EVALUATION STUDY		
ZERO OFFSITE WATER DISCHARGE STUDY		
	PROJECT: 208.0110	FIGURE 6
	DATE: DECEMBER 1990	

APPENDIX A
SANITARY TREATMENT PLANT
FLOW DATA

Date	Day	Flow (mgd)	Avg M-F Flow (mgd)	Avg S-S Flow (mgd)
01-Jan-90	M	0.064		
02-Jan-90	T	0.054		
03-Jan-90	W	0.158		
04-Jan-90	T	0.198		
05-Jan-90	F	0.208	0.1552	
06-Jan-90	S	0.082		
07-Jan-90	S	0.074		0.078
08-Jan-90	M	0.168		
09-Jan-90	T	0.158		
10-Jan-90	W	0.238		
11-Jan-90	T	0.200		
12-Jan-90	F	0.194	0.1916	
13-Jan-90	S	0.090		
14-Jan-90	S	0.076		0.083
15-Jan-90	M	0.164		
16-Jan-90	T	0.218		
17-Jan-90	W	0.148		
18-Jan-90	T	0.118		
19-Jan-90	F	0.176	0.1648	
20-Jan-90	S	0.096		
21-Jan-90	S	0.080		0.088
22-Jan-90	M	0.270		
23-Jan-90	T	0.190		
24-Jan-90	W	0.188		
25-Jan-90	T	0.202		
26-Jan-90	F	0.188	0.2076	
27-Jan-90	S	0.092		
28-Jan-90	S	0.064		0.078
29-Jan-90	M	0.220		
30-Jan-90	T	0.190		
31-Jan-90	W	0.196		
01-Feb-90	T	0.196		
02-Feb-90	F	0.172	0.1948	
03-Feb-90	S	0.092		
04-Feb-90	S	0.068		0.08
05-Feb-90	M	0.100		
06-Feb-90	T	0.162		
07-Feb-90	W	0.204		
08-Feb-90	T	0.204		
09-Feb-90	F	0.166	0.1672	
10-Feb-90	S	0.094		
11-Feb-90	S	0.066		0.08
12-Feb-90	M	0.156		
13-Feb-90	T	0.174		
14-Feb-90	W	0.214		
15-Feb-90	T	0.196		
16-Feb-90	F	0.104	0.1688	
17-Feb-90	S			
18-Feb-90	S	0.038		0.038
19-Feb-90	M	0.254		
20-Feb-90	T	0.240		

	Day	Flow (mgd)	Avg M-F Flow (mgd)	Avg S-S Flow (mgd)
21-Feb-90	W	0.116		
22-Feb-90	T	0.206		
23-Feb-90	F	0.206	0.2044	
24-Feb-90	S	0.038		
25-Feb-90	S	0.078		0.058
26-Feb-90	M	0.052		
27-Feb-90	T	0.132		
28-Feb-90	W	0.192		
01-Mar-90	T	0.168		
02-Mar-90	F	0.196	0.148	
03-Mar-90	S	0.068		
04-Mar-90	S	0.080		0.074
05-Mar-90	M	0.074		
06-Mar-90	T	0.174		
07-Mar-90	W	0.154		
08-Mar-90	T	0.126		
09-Mar-90	F	0.142	0.134	
10-Mar-90	S	0.138		
11-Mar-90	S	0.084		0.111
12-Mar-90	M	0.080		
13-Mar-90	T	0.136		
14-Mar-90	W	0.138		
15-Mar-90	T	0.146		
16-Mar-90	F	0.262	0.1524	
17-Mar-90	S	0.196		
18-Mar-90	S	0.062		0.129
19-Mar-90	M	0.172		
20-Mar-90	T	0.352		
21-Mar-90	W	0.198		
22-Mar-90	T	0.382		
23-Mar-90	F	0.382	0.2972	
24-Mar-90	S	0.192		
25-Mar-90	S	0.162		0.177
26-Mar-90	M	0.278		
27-Mar-90	T	0.264		
28-Mar-90	W	0.340		
29-Mar-90	T	0.306		
30-Mar-90	F	0.204	0.2784	
31-Mar-90	S	0.142		
01-Apr-90	S	0.108		0.125
02-Apr-90	M	0.268		
03-Apr-90	T	0.280		
04-Apr-90	W	0.238		
05-Apr-90	T	0.318		
06-Apr-90	F	0.372	0.2952	
07-Apr-90	S	0.246		
08-Apr-90	S	0.174		0.21
09-Apr-90	M	0.278		
10-Apr-90	T	0.306		
11-Apr-90	W	0.292		
12-Apr-90	T	0.296		
13-Apr-90	F	0.160	0.2664	

Date	Day	Flow (mgd)	Avg M-F Flow (mgd)	Avg S-S Flow (mgd)
14-Apr-90	S	0.134		
15-Apr-90	S	0.124		0.129
16-Apr-90	M	0.222		
17-Apr-90	T	0.256		
18-Apr-90	W	0.232		
19-Apr-90	T	0.228		
20-Apr-90	F	0.266	0.2408	
21-Apr-90	S	0.146		
22-Apr-90	S	0.110		0.128
23-Apr-90	M	0.238		
24-Apr-90	T	0.226		
25-Apr-90	W	0.234		
26-Apr-90	T	0.284		
27-Apr-90	F	0.284	0.2532	
28-Apr-90	S	0.166		
29-Apr-90	S	0.130		0.148
30-Apr-90	M	0.222		
01-May-90	T	0.212		
02-May-90	W	0.224		
03-May-90	T	0.224		
04-May-90	F	0.292	0.2348	
05-May-90	S	0.162		
06-May-90	S	0.120		0.141
07-May-90	M	0.226		
08-May-90	T	0.214		
09-May-90	W	0.220		
10-May-90	T	0.226		
11-May-90	F	0.248	0.2268	
12-May-90	S	0.140		
13-May-90	S	0.114		0.127
14-May-90	M	0.208		
15-May-90	T	0.218		
16-May-90	W	0.268		
17-May-90	T	0.200		
18-May-90	F	0.220	0.2228	
19-May-90	S	0.136		
20-May-90	S	0.127		0.1315
21-May-90	M	0.198		
22-May-90	T	0.164		
23-May-90	W	0.256		
24-May-90	T	0.226		
25-May-90	F	0.212	0.2112	
26-May-90	S	0.140		
27-May-90	S	0.104		0.122
28-May-90	M	0.106		
29-May-90	T	0.256		
30-May-90	W	0.242		
31-May-90	T	0.280		
01-Jun-90	F	0.262	0.2292	
02-Jun-90	S	0.146		
03-Jun-90	S	0.132		0.139
04-Jun-90	M	0.208		

Date	Day	Flow (mgd)	Avg M-F Flow (mgd)	Avg S-S Flow (mgd)
05-Jun-90	T	0.208		
06-Jun-90	W	0.306		
07-Jun-90	T	0.244		
08-Jun-90	F	0.216	0.2364	
09-Jun-90	S	0.124		
10-Jun-90	S	0.110		0.117
11-Jun-90	M	0.216		
12-Jun-90	T	0.224		
13-Jun-90	W	0.214		
14-Jun-90	T	0.212		
15-Jun-90	F	0.214	0.216	
16-Jun-90	S	0.110		
17-Jun-90	S	0.140		0.125
18-Jun-90	M	0.192		
19-Jun-90	T	0.168		
20-Jun-90	W	0.252		
21-Jun-90	T	0.206		
22-Jun-90	F	0.210	0.2056	
23-Jun-90	S	0.146		
24-Jun-90	S	0.116		0.131
25-Jun-90	M	0.202		
26-Jun-90	T	0.194		
27-Jun-90	W	0.216		
28-Jun-90	T	0.242		
29-Jun-90	F	0.284	0.2276	
30-Jun-90	S	0.086		
01-Jul-90	S	0.112		0.099
02-Jul-90	M	0.190		
03-Jul-90	T	0.208		
04-Jul-90	W	0.126		
05-Jul-90	T	0.160		
06-Jul-90	F	0.284	0.1936	
07-Jul-90	S	0.166		
08-Jul-90	S	0.166		0.166
09-Jul-90	M	0.258		
10-Jul-90	T	0.294		
11-Jul-90	W	0.268		
12-Jul-90	T	0.230		
13-Jul-90	F	0.276	0.2652	
14-Jul-90	S	0.198		
15-Jul-90	S	0.120		0.159
16-Jul-90	M	0.232		
17-Jul-90	T	0.256		
18-Jul-90	W	0.257		
19-Jul-90	T	0.288		
20-Jul-90	F	0.294	0.2654	
21-Jul-90	S	0.242		
22-Jul-90	S	0.196		0.219
23-Jul-90	M	0.266		
24-Jul-90	T	0.250		
25-Jul-90	W	0.242		
26-Jul-90	T	0.256		

Date	Day	Flow (mgd)	Avg M-F Flow (mgd)	Avg S-S Flow (mgd)
27-Jul-90	F	0.306	0.264	
28-Jul-90	S	0.222		
29-Jul-90	S	0.178		0.2
30-Jul-90	M	0.220		
31-Jul-90	T	0.220		
01-Aug-90	W	0.262		
02-Aug-90	T	0.272		
03-Aug-90	F	0.284	0.2516	
04-Aug-90	S	0.230		
05-Aug-90	S	0.178		0.204
06-Aug-90	M	0.224		
07-Aug-90	T	0.258		
08-Aug-90	W	0.224		
09-Aug-90	T	0.230		
10-Aug-90	F	0.274	0.242	
11-Aug-90	S	0.168		
12-Aug-90	S	0.166		0.167
13-Aug-90	M	0.220		
14-Aug-90	T	0.256		
15-Aug-90	W	0.254		
16-Aug-90	T	0.246		
17-Aug-90	F	0.240	0.2432	
18-Aug-90	S	0.200		
19-Aug-90	S	0.182		0.191
20-Aug-90	M	0.200		
21-Aug-90	T	0.276		
22-Aug-90	W	0.276		
23-Aug-90	T	0.224		
24-Aug-90	F	0.286		
25-Aug-90	S	0.202		
26-Aug-90	S	0.172		0.187
27-Aug-90	M	0.236		
28-Aug-90	T	0.234		
29-Aug-90	W	0.220		
30-Aug-90	T	0.230		
31-Aug-90	F	0.232	0.2304	

M-F Avg

0.220

S-S Avg

0.131

YTD Avg

0.196

Max

0.382

Min

0.038

APPENDIX B

SANITARY TREATMENT PLANT

WASTEWATER QUALITY DATA

		Alkalinity					
		Ammonia			Grab		Temp
Date		BOD5	as N	TKN	as CaCO3	Grab	pH
Collected	Day	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	C	Composite
25-Jul-90	Tue	94	35	32	163.6	22.0	8.0
26-Jul-90	Wed	100	40	45	170.4	24.0	7.9
27-Jul-90	Thu	59	36	43	138.4	24.0	7.7
28-Jul-90	Fri				118.6	22.5	
29-Jul-90	Sat	19	6	12	97.4	20.0	7.3
30-Jul-90	Sun	30	6	29	122.8	20.0	7.0
31-Jul-90	Mon	160	65	61	121.2	20.6	8.2
01-Aug-90	Tue	110	32	48	131.8	21.5	7.7
02-Aug-90	Wed	110	41	40	110.0	20.8	7.7
03-Aug-90	Thu	100	32	30	106.6	20.8	7.7
04-Aug-90	Fri	87	18	18	106.0	20.3	7.4
05-Aug-90	Sat	21	5	4	92.8	18.7	7.7
06-Aug-90	Sun	20	5	3	130.6	18.9	7.8
07-Aug-90	Mon	86	21	34	136.2	19.8	7.8
08-Aug-90	Tue	170	16	16	118.8	19.6	7.9
09-Aug-90	Wed	130	21	40	112.6	20.7	7.7
10-Aug-90	Thu	80	20	49	127.0	22.8	7.4
11-Aug-90	Fri	30	16	25	107.0	21.0	7.7
12-Aug-90	Sat	40	6	14	85.4	19.7	7.0
13-Aug-90	Sun	33	5	11	130.8	20.2	7.4
14-Aug-90	Mon	89	21	30	102.8	20.0	7.6
15-Aug-90	Tue	100	20	23	115.4	21.7	7.5
16-Aug-90	Wed	56	21	29	119.8	22.1	7.9
17-Aug-90	Thu	56	20	34	120.0	22.8	7.9
18-Aug-90	Fri	43	12	19	96.8	21.3	7.4
19-Aug-90	Sat	49	5	10	80.4	20.2	7.4
20-Aug-90	Sun	24	5	10	110.8	19.8	7.2
21-Aug-90	Mon	180	24	28			
22-Aug-90	Tue	110	20	23			
23-Aug-90	Wed	89		24			
24-Aug-90	Thu	200					

Avg	82.50	20.50	27.03	117.56	21.0	7.61
Max	>180	65	61	170.4	24	8.2
Min	19	5	3	80.4	18.7	7

NSC No Samples Collected

BOD5 Reporting limit: 2 mg/L

TKN Reporting limit: 1 mg/L

NH4 as N Reporting limit: 0.5 mg/L

24-Aug-90 BOD5 was reported as greater than 180 mg/l

21-Aug-90

Rocky Flats STP Influent Composite Sampling

Sample NO.	Date Collected	Day	TDS (mg/L)	Cl- (mg/L)	Nitrate/ Nitrate as N (mg/L)	Ortho- Phosphate (mg/L)	Total P (mg/L)	Sulphate (mg/L)	O&G (mg/L)
60000	25-Jul-90	Tue							
60001	26-Jul-90	Wed							
60002	27-Jul-90	Thu							
NSC	28-Jul-90	Fri							
60004	29-Jul-90	Sat							
60005	30-Jul-90	Sun							
60006	31-Jul-90	Mon							
60007	01-Aug-90	Tue							
60008	02-Aug-90	Wed							
60009	03-Aug-90	Thu							
60010	04-Aug-90	Fri							
60011	05-Aug-90	Sat							
60012	06-Aug-90	Sun							
60013	07-Aug-90	Mon	180	39	0.6		12		29
60014	08-Aug-90	Tue	180	36			12	17	40
60015	09-Aug-90	Wed	190		0.4		7.1	14	25
60016	10-Aug-90	Thu	200	35		7.9	8.8	16	37
60017	11-Aug-90	Fri	180	42	0.9	6.4		18	11
60018	12-Aug-90	Sat	170	23	2.2	2.4		19	
60019	13-Aug-90	Sun	140	40	1.6	1.8	3.9	17	20
60020	14-Aug-90	Mon	220	48	0.4	7.5		24	44
60021	15-Aug-90	Tue							
60022	16-Aug-90	Wed							
60023	17-Aug-90	Thu							
60024	18-Aug-90	Fri							
60025	19-Aug-90	Sat							
60026	20-Aug-90	Sun							
60027	21-Aug-90	Mon							
60028	22-Aug-90	Tue							
60029	23-Aug-90	Wed							
60030	24-Aug-90	Thu							
Avg			182.50	37.57	1.02	5.20	8.76	17.86	29.43
Max			220	48	2.2	7.9	12	24	44
Min			140	23	0.4	1.8	3.9	14	11

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Rocky Flats STP Influent Composite Sampling

Sample NO.	Date Collected	Day	Alpha (pCi/L)	+/- 2 sig LLD	Beta (pCi/L)	+/- 2 sig LLD
60000	25-Jul-90	Tue				
60001	26-Jul-90	Wed				
60002	27-Jul-90	Thu				
NSC	28-Jul-90	Fri				
60004	29-Jul-90	Sat				
60005	30-Jul-90	Sun				
60006	31-Jul-90	Mon				
60007	01-Aug-90	Tue				
60008	02-Aug-90	Wed				
60009	03-Aug-90	Thu				
60010	04-Aug-90	Fri				
60011	05-Aug-90	Sat				
60012	06-Aug-90	Sun				
60013	07-Aug-90	Mon	4.47	2.41	12.2	1.67
60014	08-Aug-90	Tue	1.55	1.37	13.24	1.67
60015	09-Aug-90	Wed	0.51	1.1	11.3	1.59
60016	10-Aug-90	Thu	1.18	1.26	22.2	2.03
60017	11-Aug-90	Fri	1.03	1.22	11.02	1.58
60018	12-Aug-90	Sat	1.24	1.15	4.58	1.24
60019	13-Aug-90	Sun	1.16	1.21	5.45	1.29
60020	14-Aug-90	Mon	0.96	1.55	13.17	1.7
60021	15-Aug-90	Tue				
60022	16-Aug-90	Wed				
60023	17-Aug-90	Thu				
60024	18-Aug-90	Fri				
60025	19-Aug-90	Sat				
60026	20-Aug-90	Sun				
60027	21-Aug-90	Mon				
60028	22-Aug-90	Tue				
60029	23-Aug-90	Wed				
60030	24-Aug-90	Thu				
Avg			1.51		11.65	
Max			4.47		22.2	
Min			0.51		4.58	

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Rocky Flats STP Influent Composite Sampling

Sample NO.	Date Collected	Day	Al (ug/L)	Sb (ug/L)	As (ug/L)	Ba (ug/L)	Be (ug/L)	Cd (ug/L)	Ca (ug/L)
60000	25-Jul-90	Tue							
60001	26-Jul-90	Wed							
60002	27-Jul-90	Thu							
NSC	28-Jul-90	Fri							
60004	29-Jul-90	Sat							
60005	30-Jul-90	Sun							
60006	31-Jul-90	Mon							
60007	01-Aug-90	Tue							
60008	02-Aug-90	Wed							
60009	03-Aug-90	Thu							
60010	04-Aug-90	Fri							
60011	05-Aug-90	Sat							
60012	06-Aug-90	Sun							
60013	07-Aug-90	Mon	1110	U	2.2	85.4	U	U	29400
60014	08-Aug-90	Tue	1820	U	1.3	45.3	U	U	27500
60015	09-Aug-90	Wed	538	U	1.6	50.3	U	U	30300
60016	10-Aug-90	Thu	355	U		34.3	U	U	25400
60017	11-Aug-90	Fri	405	U	2	44.3	U	U	29300
60018	12-Aug-90	Sat	378	U		46.8	U	U	32100
60019	13-Aug-90	Sun	399	U	2.1	42.2	U	U	30300
60020	14-Aug-90	Mon	416	U	2.6	41.3	U	U	29200
60021	15-Aug-90	Tue							
60022	16-Aug-90	Wed							
60023	17-Aug-90	Thu							
60024	18-Aug-90	Fri							
60025	19-Aug-90	Sat							
60026	20-Aug-90	Sun							
60027	21-Aug-90	Mon							
60028	22-Aug-90	Tue							
60029	23-Aug-90	Wed							
60030	24-Aug-90	Thu							
Avg			677.63	0.00	1.48	48.74	0.00	0.00	29187.50
Max			1820	0	2.6	85.4	0	0	32100
Min			355	0	0	34.3	0	0	25400

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Rocky Flats STP Influent Composite Sampling

Sample NO.	Date Collected	Day	Cr (ug/L)	Co (ug/L)	Cu (ug/L)	Fe (ug/L)	Pb (ug/L)	Mg (ug/L)	Mn (ug/L)
60000	25-Jul-90	Tue							
60001	26-Jul-90	Wed							
60002	27-Jul-90	Thu							
NSC	28-Jul-90	Fri							
60004	29-Jul-90	Sat							
60005	30-Jul-90	Sun							
60006	31-Jul-90	Mon							
60007	01-Aug-90	Tue							
60008	02-Aug-90	Wed							
60009	03-Aug-90	Thu							
60010	04-Aug-90	Fri							
60011	05-Aug-90	Sat							
60012	06-Aug-90	Sun							
60013	07-Aug-90	Mon							
60014	08-Aug-90	Tue	16.5	U	92.6	1920	11.3	5340	65.2
60015	09-Aug-90	Wed	U	U	34.7	721	8.7	5060	38.7
60016	10-Aug-90	Thu	U	U	41.8	989	8.8	5660	45.1
60017	11-Aug-90	Fri	U	U	24.8	487	U	4830	33.1
60018	12-Aug-90	Sat	U	U	32.5	499	2.8	5600	40.1
60019	13-Aug-90	Sun	U	U	88.5	716	4.9	5860	42.4
60020	14-Aug-90	Mon	U	U	34	462	2.6	5540	39.8
60021	15-Aug-90	Tue			74	745	3.1	5780	48.6
60022	16-Aug-90	Wed							
60023	17-Aug-90	Thu							
60024	18-Aug-90	Fri							
60025	19-Aug-90	Sat							
60026	20-Aug-90	Sun							
60027	21-Aug-90	Mon							
60028	22-Aug-90	Tue							
60029	23-Aug-90	Wed							
60030	24-Aug-90	Thu							
Avg			2.06	0.00	52.86	817.38	5.28	5458.75	44.13
Max			16.5	0	92.6	1920	11.3	5860	65.2
Min			0	0	24.8	462	0	4830	33.1

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Rocky Flats STP Influent Composite Sampling

Sample NO.	Date Collected	Day	Hg (ug/L)	Ni (ug/L)	K (ug/L)	Se (ug/L)	Ag (ug/L)	Na (ug/L)	Tl (ug/L)
60000	25-Jul-90	Tue							
60001	26-Jul-90	Wed							
60002	27-Jul-90	Thu							
NSC	28-Jul-90	Fri							
60004	29-Jul-90	Sat							
60005	30-Jul-90	Sun							
60006	31-Jul-90	Mon							
60007	01-Aug-90	Tue							
60008	02-Aug-90	Wed							
60009	03-Aug-90	Thu							
60010	04-Aug-90	Fri							
60011	05-Aug-90	Sat							
60012	06-Aug-90	Sun							
60013	07-Aug-90	Mon	U	U	10000		12.3	28400	U
60014	08-Aug-90	Tue	UU	UU	11500	U	5.7	23900	UU
60015	09-Aug-90	Wed	UU	UU	14000		4.1	29200	UU
60016	10-Aug-90	Thu	U	UU	10000	UU	6.8	26700	UU
60017	11-Aug-90	Fri	0.8	UU	10900			25000	UU
60018	12-Aug-90	Sat	0.6	UU	5170	UU		17800	UU
60019	13-Aug-90	Sun	U	UU	5100			17200	UU
60020	14-Aug-90	Mon	U	U	14700		3.4	32600	U
60021	15-Aug-90	Tue							
60022	16-Aug-90	Wed							
60023	17-Aug-90	Thu							
60024	18-Aug-90	Fri							
60025	19-Aug-90	Sat							
60026	20-Aug-90	Sun							
60027	21-Aug-90	Mon							
60028	22-Aug-90	Tue							
60029	23-Aug-90	Wed							
60030	24-Aug-90	Thu							
Avg			0.18	0.00	10171.25	0.83	4.04	25100.00	0.00
Max			0.8	0	14700	2.6	12.3	32600	0
Min			0	0	5100	0	0	17200	0

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Rocky Flats STP Influent Composite Sampling

Sample NO.	Date Collected	Day	V (ug/L)	Zn (ug/L)
60000	25-Jul-90	Tue		
60001	26-Jul-90	Wed		
60002	27-Jul-90	Thu		
NSC	28-Jul-90	Fri		
60004	29-Jul-90	Sat		
60005	30-Jul-90	Sun		
60006	31-Jul-90	Mon		
60007	01-Aug-90	Tue		
60008	02-Aug-90	Wed		
60009	03-Aug-90	Thu		
60010	04-Aug-90	Fri		
60011	05-Aug-90	Sat		
60012	06-Aug-90	Sun		
60013	07-Aug-90	Mon	U	482
60014	08-Aug-90	Tue	U	262
60015	09-Aug-90	Wed	U	254
60016	10-Aug-90	Thu	U	166
60017	11-Aug-90	Fri	U	196
60018	12-Aug-90	Sat	U	359
60019	13-Aug-90	Sun	U	224
60020	14-Aug-90	Mon	14.3	249
60021	15-Aug-90	Tue		
60022	16-Aug-90	Wed		
60023	17-Aug-90	Thu		
60024	18-Aug-90	Fri		
60025	19-Aug-90	Sat		
60026	20-Aug-90	Sun		
60027	21-Aug-90	Mon		
60028	22-Aug-90	Tue		
60029	23-Aug-90	Wed		
60030	24-Aug-90	Thu		
Avg			1.79	274.00
Max			14.3	482
Min			0	166

EG&G

<u>VISTA ID</u>	<u>EG&G ID</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>TKN</u>	<u>All in mg/L</u> <u>NH4</u>	<u>BOD</u>
902609-008	SW60032WC	6-7AM	7.0	7.4	52
902609-009	SW60033WC	7-8AM	12	7.0	38
902609-010	SW60034WC	8-9AM	19	10	140
902609-011	SW60035WC	9-10AM	35	16	230
902609-012	SW60036WC	10-11AM	26	21	220
902609-013	SW60037WC	11-12AM	35	30	230
902609-014	SW60038WC	12-1PM	39	34	260
902609-015	SW60039WC	1-2PM	60	34	250
902620-003	SW60040WC	2-3PM	43	38	> 180
902620-004	SW60041WC	3-4PM	46	39	> 180
902620-005	SW60042WC	4-5PM	36	36	> 180
902620-006	SW60043WC	5-6PM	38	41	> 180
902620-007	SW60044WC	6-7PM	36	33	> 180
902620-008	SW60045WC	7-8PM	32	17	> 180
902620-009	SW60046WC	8-9PM	31	28	> 180
902620-010	SW60047WC	9-10PM	27	27	> 180
902620-011	SW60048WC	10-11PM	26	21	> 180
902620-012	SW60049WC	11-12PM	22	19	> 180
902620-013	SW60050WC	12-1AM	19	17	130
902620-014	SW60051WC	1-2AM	22	13	120
902620-015	SW60052WC	2-3AM	15	12	83
902620-016	SW60053WC	3-4AM	12	11	100
902620-017	SW60054WC	4-5AM	13	8.7	130
902620-018	SW60055WC	5-6AM	10	9.0	120

> = Sample was analyzed at too high of an initial concentration -
could not be reanalyzed within holding times.

APPENDIX C
SANITARY TREATMENT PLANT
TOUR

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Form D-1
Preliminary Plant Information to Collect by Telephone

Plant Name Rocky Flats
Phone Contact 303-966-4502
Position Bill Burbridge — Senior Plant Operator
Phone. No. 966-4502 Date 7-29-90
Design Flow 0.5 MGD (Both systems) Current Flow Average .25 MGD
Service Population _____
Year Plant Built 1951 Most Recent Upgrade 1985-1986
Directions to Plant East side of RFP, Inside the plant,
North of Gate 9 Guard post.

Major Processes (type and size): "Muttin Monster" in use before Basins

Preliminary Treatment Preaeration - Flow equalization Basins (60,000 gals each)

Primary Treatment 2 rectangular pri. clarifiers (#1 - 12,768 Gals. & #2 - 27,586 Gals.)

Secondary Treatment

Aeration Basin 2 Aer. Basins (#1 - 47,393 Gals. & #2 - 65,450 Gals.)

Trickling Filter N/A

Clarifier 2 Sec. Clarifiers (#1 - approx. 40,212 Gals. & #2 - Approx. 53,235 Gals.)

Series Disinfection 2 chlorine contact basins - (#1 - 1481 Gals. [cl. inject.] & #2 - 3246 Gals.)

Unusual Processes or Equipment Tertiary treatment in use, consisting
of 1 clarifier with addition of Alum & Polymer, clarifier Cap. - 76,284 Gals.
followed by 3 pressure ~~mix~~ media sand filters in parallel.
wet well (before sand filters) cap. - 4308 Gals. - Clar well (after sand filters) cap. - 2,394 Gals.

Any processes or equipment currently not operational Yes. 990 preaeration basin - "South"
not used, #1 primary clarifier, #1 Aeration basin, and #1
Secondary clarifier. The #1 Aeration basin is used
presently to simply Aerate the Anaerobic Digester supernatant
Before pumping supernatant to head of plant.

nal Info. - #1 Anaerobic Digester Cap. - 45,089 Gals. & #2 Anaerobic Digester
Cap. - 46,149 Gals.

Who does performance monitoring tests? Environmental lab on Plantsite

Who does process control test? STP operators.

What process control and laboratory test equipment is available? Currently, the only equipment on Hand is simply a Centrifuge and Settleometers to perform Al West spin : Settles Test, along with equipment to run D.O. uptakes on activated sludge. Equipment is on Order To run many other test such as MLSS-MLVSS. We do currently run Micro-exams.

Plant coverage (8 am - 5 pm, 24 hr, etc.) 24 hrs. /Day 7 days/week.

Work hours of key individuals Will discuss in depth @ later date.

The Shift hours and days vary, for certain indivs. working a 7 day non-rotating shift.

→ All Operators are state certified. (3-A opers./2-B opers.)

Known conflicts with scheduling fieldwork Plant Security

Contact for scheduling fieldwork Norm Fryback^{*4502}, Don Ferrier, Bill Burbidge^{*4502}

Administrator or owner (responsible official) Don Ferrier^{*2573}

Who has records on the budget? Don Ferrier

Who is consultant? Dr. Michael Richard

Information resources (availability):

As-built construction plans Fac. Eng.

O&M Manual STP operators ; possibly Fac. Eng.

Monitoring records Clean water group.

Equipment literature STP operators.

Process control records STP operators ; Dr. Michael Richard

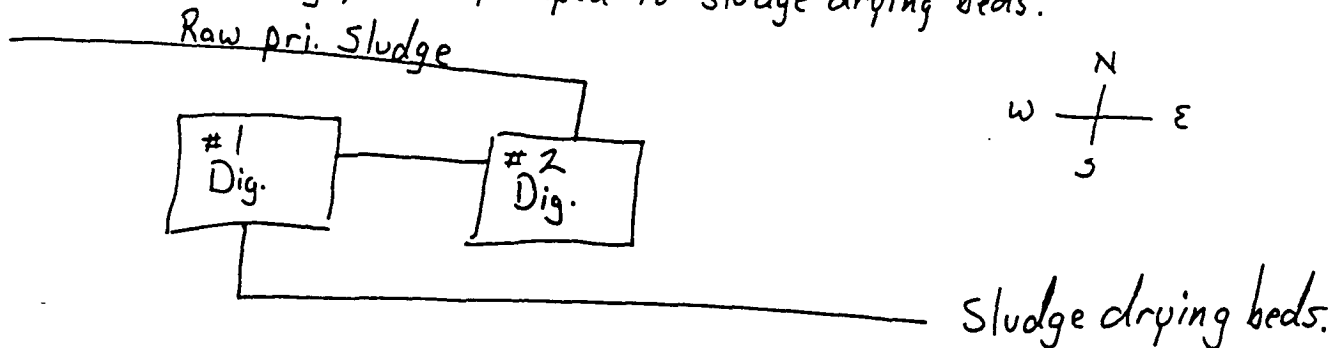
Form D-3
Design Data

A. Plant Flow Diagram (attach if available)

Attached

B. Plant Solids Handling Diagram (attach if available)

Raw pri. sludge pumped to #2 Anaer. Dig., overflow or equalized with #1 Anaer. Dig., Then pumped to sludge drying beds.



C. Upgrading and/or Expansion History (historical studies, current evaluations, proposed modifications, etc.)

1. Influent Instrumentation in place.
2. Effluent Instrumentation about to begin
3. Auto. chlorination / Dechlorination about to begin
4. Improved Sludge handling, (I.E. Mech. drying) being studied.

Please contact Mr. Dana Dixon - Sen. Devel. Engineer
@ 966-2310 for any Details.

D. Influent Characteristics

Average Daily Flow: Design _____ mgd x 3,785 = _____ m³/d
 Current .25 mgd x 3,785 = _____ m³/d
Maximum Daily Flow: Design .5 mgd x 3,785 = _____ m³/d
 Current .35 mgd x 3,785 = _____ m³/d
 Maximum Hourly Flow: Design _____ mgd x 3,785 = _____ m³/d
Flow equalized Current _____ mgd x 3,785 = _____ m³/d
 Average Daily BOD₅: Design _____ lb x 0.454 = _____ kg
Contact clean
Water group Current _____ lb x 0.454 = _____ kg
 Average Daily TSS: Design _____ lb x 0.454 = _____ kg
Contact clean
Water group Current _____ lb x 0.454 = _____ kg

Infiltration Inflow
Contact
Fac. Eng.

Seasonal Variations - None except ~~se~~ groundwater Infilt. and Temps.

<u>Process</u>				
Major Industrial Wastes				
<u>Name</u>	<u>Flow</u>	<u>BOD₅ Load</u>	<u>TSS Load</u>	<u>Other</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Collection System

Lift Stations

"2" Building Lift stations.
 1. Building 771
 2. Building 881 complex

Population Served

E. Unit Processes

Flow Measurement (Form for each flow measuring device)

Flow Stream Measured Effluent Via "V" notch weir and Stephens Total flow meter
located in #1 Cl₂ contact basin.

Control Section:
Type and Size #1 Chlorine contact Basin

Location _____

Comments (operational problems, maintenance problems, unique features, preventive maintenance procedures, etc.):

1. Poor Aeration exists.
2. Very Low F/m
3. Ground water Infiltr.
4. Very old equip.
5. Preventive maint. now being formed & initiated

Recorder
Name Stevens Total Flow meter Model 61-R

Flow Range 0 - .7 MGD

Calibration Frequency ~~unknown~~ - ~~possibly~~ on a quarterly basis

Date of Last Calibration 5-23-90 Due on 8-90

Totalizer Same

Comments (operation and design problems, unique features, etc.):

Accuracy Check During CPE
Method of Check:

Results:

E. Unit Processes (continued)

Pumping
(Complete as many forms as necessary)

<u>Flow Stream Pumped</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>No. of Pumps</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>hp</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Head</u>
dry Sand		2	Peerless	2626-278	7.5		
Filters		2	Peerless	2626-278	5		
Filter pumps							
backwash pumps							

Comments: (flow control, suitability of installed equipment, results of capacity check, etc.)

Comments:

Comments:

Preliminary Treatment

Mechanical Bar Screen

Name

Parkson Corp. — Aqua guard

Model

AG - MN - A (N) Horsepower 3/4

Bar Screen Width

10" inch x 2.54 = _____ cm

Bar Spacing

_____ inch, O.C. x 2.54 = _____ cm

Within Building?

Yes

Heated?

No

Description of Operation:

Out of Service

Hand-Cleaned Bar Screen

Bar Screen Width

_____ inch x 2.54 = _____ cm

Bar Spacing

_____ inch, O.C. x 2.54 = _____ cm

Cleaning Frequency

Within Building?

Heated

Description of Operation:

Not used
Bypass of Comminutors

Screenings Volume:

Normal

_____ cu yd x 0.75 = _____ m³/d

Peak

_____ cu yd x 0.75 = _____ m³/d

Screenings Disposal

Comments

Preliminary Treatment

Comminutor

Name Disposable Waste Systems Inc. Muffin Monster
 Model 30002-18 Horsepower 2
 Within Building? ~~1~~ ☒ Yes Heated? NO
 Maintenance:

Comments: Very fine equip.

#1 Comminutor - Chicago pump Co., Unknow model No. - $\frac{1}{4}$ H.P.
 Located outdoors — Out of Service. — Orig. Plant Equip.

#2 Comminutor - Infilco Degemont Inc. Mod. # 29563 - $\frac{1}{2}$ H.P.
 Located outdoors.

Grit Removal

None

Description of Unit:

Grit Volume:

Normal _____ cu yd x 0.75 = _____ m³/d

Peak _____ cu yd x 0.75 = _____ m³/d

Disposal of Grit:

Comments:

E. Unit Processes (continued)

Contact Fac. Eng. for Design Prints
on #1 & #2 Pri. Clarifiers.

Primary Treatment

Primary Clarifier(s)

Number _____ Surface Dimensions _____

Water Depth (Shallowest) _____ ft x 0.3 = _____ m

Water Depth (Deepest) _____ ft x 0.3 = _____ m

Weir Location _____

Weir Length _____ ft x 0.3 = _____ m

Total Surface Area _____ sq ft x 0.093 = _____ m²

Total Volume _____ cu ft x 0.028 = _____ m³

Flow (Design) _____ mgd x 3,785 = _____ m³/d

(Operating) _____ mgd x 3,785 = _____ m³/d

Weir Overflow Rate
(Design) _____ gpd/ft x 0.012 = _____ m³/m/d

(Operating) _____ gpd/ft x 0.012 = _____ m³/m/d

Surface Settling Rate
(Design) _____ gpd/sq ft x 0.04 = _____ m³/m²/d

(Operating) _____ gpd/sq ft x 0.04 = _____ m³/m²/d

Collector Mechanism Name _____

Model _____ Horsepower _____

Scum Collection and Treatment:

Scum Volume:

Scum Treatment/Disposal:

Secondary Treatment (Activated Sludge)

Aeration Basin(s)

Number _____ Surface Dimensions _____

Water Depth _____ ft x 0.3 = _____ m

Total Volume _____ cu ft x 7.48 = _____ gal

Flow (Design) _____ mgd x 3,785 = _____ m³/d

(Operating) _____ mgd x 3,785 = _____ m³/d

Wastewater Detention Time (Design) _____ hr

(Operating) _____ hr

BOD₅ Loading (Design) _____ lb/d/1,000 cu ft x 0.16 = _____ kg/m³/d

(Operating) _____ lb/d/1,000 cu ft x 0.16 = _____ kg/m³/d

Covered? _____

No

Comments:

Contact Fac. Eng. for Design prints
#1; #2 sec. clarifiers.
Vols. stated earlier are a very rough fig.

Modes of Operation (current and other options; i.e., complete mix, plug flow, step loading, tapered aeration - sketch options):

E. Unit Processes (continued)

Secondary Treatment (Oxygen Supply)

4 Aerators Total

Surface Mechanical Aeration

No. of Aerators 2 in each Basin Name Aeration Industries Inc.

Model AES-7.5-3 Horsepower 7.5

Rated Capacity 2.5 lbs. O₂ per HP hr. lb/hr x 0.454 = _____ kg/hr

Speed Control: NO

Submergence Control: NO

Diffused Aeration

Blowers

No. of Blowers _____ Name _____

Model _____ Horsepower _____

Capacity _____ cfm x 0.028 = _____ m³/min

Minimum Inlet Air Temperature _____

Diffusers

Types of Diffusers (coarse, fine, ceramic, stainless steel, etc.):

Manufacturer _____ Model _____

Water Depth _____

Standard Transfer Efficiency _____

Water Temperature (maximum) _____

Plant Elevation _____

Jet Aeration

No. of Aerators _____ Name _____

Model _____ Horsepower _____

Rated Capacity _____ lb/hr x 0.454 = _____ kg/hr

Controls:

Comments

NOTE: See Appendix F for procedure for converting standard oxygenation rates to actual oxygenation rates.

Secondary Treatment (Secondary Clarifiers)

Number _____ Surface Dimensions _____

Water Depth (Shallowest) #1 - 9' 1" ~~3' 1"~~ ft x 0.3 = _____ m

Water Depth (Deepest) _____ ft x 0.3 = _____ m

Weir/Launders Location(s) _____

Percent of Clarification Developed by Launderers _____

Weir Length _____ ft x 0.3 = _____ m

Weir Overflow Rate
(Design) _____ gpd/ft x 0.012 = _____ m³/m/d(Operating) _____ gpd/ft x 0.012 = _____ m³/m/dTotal Surface Area _____ sq ft x 0.093 = _____ m²Total Volume _____ cu ft x 0.028 = _____ m³Flow (Design) _____ mgd x 3,785 = _____ m³/d(Operating) _____ mgd x 3,785 = _____ m³/dFace Settling Rate
(Design) _____ gpd/sq ft x 0.04 = _____ m³/m²/d(Operating) _____ gpd/sq ft x 0.04 = _____ m³/m²/d

Hydraulic Detention Time (Design) _____ hr (Operating) _____ hr

(Actual From Dye Test) _____ hr

Collector Mechanism Name #1 - Air-O-Gest systems. #2 - EnvirexModel #1 - 707 #2 - F-7 Horsepower #1 - 1/2 #2 - 1Return Sludge Collector Mechanism Type Air lift pumps

Mechanical Seal Location (center well?/collector arm?):

Scum Collection and Removal:

Scum Volume: Unknown
Normal _____ cu yd x 0.75 = _____ m³/dPeak _____ cu yd x 0.75 = _____ m³/d

Scum Treatment/Disposal:

Anaerobic Digesters

Chlorine Disinfection

1 Basin(s)
 Number _____
 Surface Dimensions _____
 Channel Length-to-Width Ratio _____ No. of Bends _____
 Water Depth _____ ft x 0.3 = _____ m
 Total Volume _____ cu ft x 7.48 = _____ gal
 Detention Time: (Design) _____ min (Operating) _____ min
 Drain Capability: Yes on #1 No on #2

Scum Removal Capability: No

Comments: #2 Contact Basin has a Drain but this would discharge into S. Walnut creek, bypassing pond B-3.

Chlorinator(s)
 Name Capital controls Number Advance 480
 Capacity _____ lb/d x 0.454 = _____ kg/d

Type of Injection:
 pumped Eff. water to ejector

Flow Proportioned? Not currently. Will be in near future.

Feed Rate (Operating) Approx. 10 lb/d x 0.454 = _____ kg/d
 Dosage (Operating) 2.0 mg/l

Comments:

Dechlorination installed using SO_2

E. Unit Processes (continued)

Sludge Handling Facilities

Primary Sludge

Description of Pumping Procedure (time clocks; variable speed pumps; etc.)

Pumped Once per shift. Manually

Method of Sludge Volume Measurement

None currently

Sampling Location

Sampling Procedure

Comments

Return Sludge

Description of Sludge Movement (scrape to clarifier hopper; pump to aeration basin inlet channels; etc.)

Air lift pump to near A basin inlet

Controllable Capacity Ranges

(Low) 4 GPM ~~mgd~~ x 3.785 = _____ m³/d

(High) 223 GPM ~~mgd~~ x 3.785 = _____ m³/d

Method of Control Manual Ball valves

Description of RAS Volume Measurement Staff Gauge on 22.5° V notch weir

Sampling Location Clarifier Return Sludge pit

Sampling Procedure Grab

Comments

Waste Sludge

Description of Waste Procedure (variable-speed pump wastes from separate clarifier hopper; continuous or by time clock; etc.)

Submersible pump located in Aeration Basins set up on Time clocks. Works very well!

Method of Waste Volume Measurement On time versus off time and GPM

Sampling Location # 2 Pri. Clarifier Or Aeration Basins

Sampling Procedure

Comments

No samples currently taken to determine The MLSS for WAS.

Treatment (Anaerobic Digestion)

Primary Digesters

Number of Digesters 2 Diameter _____ ft x 0.3 = _____ m

Sidewall Depth _____ ft x 0.3 = _____ m

Center Depth _____ ft x 0.3 = _____ m

Total Volume _____ cu ft x 0.028 = _____ m³

Floating Cover? _____

Flow (Design) _____ mgd x 3,785 = _____ m³/d(Operating) _____ mgd x 3,785 = _____ m³/d

Detention Time (Design) _____ days (Operating) _____ days

Volatile Solids Loading (Design) _____ lb/cu ft x 16 = _____ kg/m³(Operating) _____ lb/cu ft x 16 = _____ kg/m³

Heating

Manufacturer American Heat reclaiming Heat exch. Model Number MFG. # 15185 Type 1-H
Dayton Hot water heater 3E 324 F
 Capacity 360,000 ~~100~~ Btu/hr x 0.29 = _____ 10⁶ W

Mixing

Manufacturer Chicago pumps Type VPM Non Clog pumps
 Number of Units 2 pumps Mod. # 61-22773

Sampling Ports None

Mode of Operation Dig. #2 heated to 90-95°F equalized with #1 Dig.
Sludge withdrawal to D.B.'s from #1 Dig. (uncirculated within #1 Dig.)
 Gas System Natural gas piped into STP

Comments

E. Unit Processes (continued)

Treatment (Anaerobic Digestion)

Could be considered
#1 Dig.

Secondary Digesters

Number of Digesters _____ Diameter _____ ft x 0.3 = _____ m

Sidewall Depth _____ ft x 0.3 = _____ m

Center Depth _____ ft x 0.3 = _____ m

Total Volume _____ cu ft x 0.028 = _____ m³

Floating Cover? _____

Flow (Design) _____ mgd x 3,785 = _____ m³/d

(Operating) _____ mgd x 3,785 = _____ m³/d

Detention Time (Design) _____ days (Operating) _____ days

Volatile Solids Loading (Design) _____ lb/cu ft x 16 = _____ kg/m³

(Operating) _____ lb/cu ft x 16 = _____ kg/m³

Heating

Manufacturer _____ Model Number _____

Capacity _____ 10⁶ Btu/hr x 0.29 = _____ 10⁶ W

Mixing

Manufacturer _____ Type _____

Number of Units _____

Sampling Ports

Mode of Operation

Gas System

Comments

Please see attached

E. Unit Processes (continued)

Dewatering

Sludge Drying Beds

Number of Beds _____ Dimensions (ea) _____ Surface Area (Total) _____

Covered? (Glass?) (Plastic?) Yes - Metal prefab Subnatant Drain To Head of STP or #1 Aer. basin

Dewatered Sludge Removal:

#1 drying bed utilizing 1'sq. tiles manufactured by Gravity Flow Syst.

Mode of Operation (depth of sludge draw; seasonal operation; etc.):

Fill to 1' or less

Heating is not installed in D.B. buildings. Drying times are dependent on O.S. Temp. & weather.

Comments:

Sludge handling currently is our worst problem *study report*
Digesters fill to max. Eff. BOD₅ violations have occurred because of this problem

Other Dewatering Unit(s)

Type(s) of Unit(s) None currently

Number of Units _____ Manufacturer _____

Model _____ Horsepower _____

Loading Rate (Design) _____ lb/hr x 0.454 = _____ kg/hr

(Operating) _____ lb/hr x 0.454 = _____ kg/hr

Polymer Used _____

lb/dry ton _____ x 0.5 = _____ g/kg

Cake Solids (Design) _____ percent solids

(Operating) _____ percent solids

Hours of Operation (Design) _____ hr/wk

(Operating) _____ hr/wk

Comments:

Ultimate Disposal

Procedure

al Operation

nts

F. Other Design Information

Standby Power (description of unit; automatic activation? capacity for which processes? frequency of use; etc.)

None

Alarm Systems (description of system; units covered; etc.)

Respirometer (on line) installed but not yet in service

PH on Int. - Eff. later

Conductivity on Int. - Eff. later

Hydrocarbon detectors on Int. ~~later~~

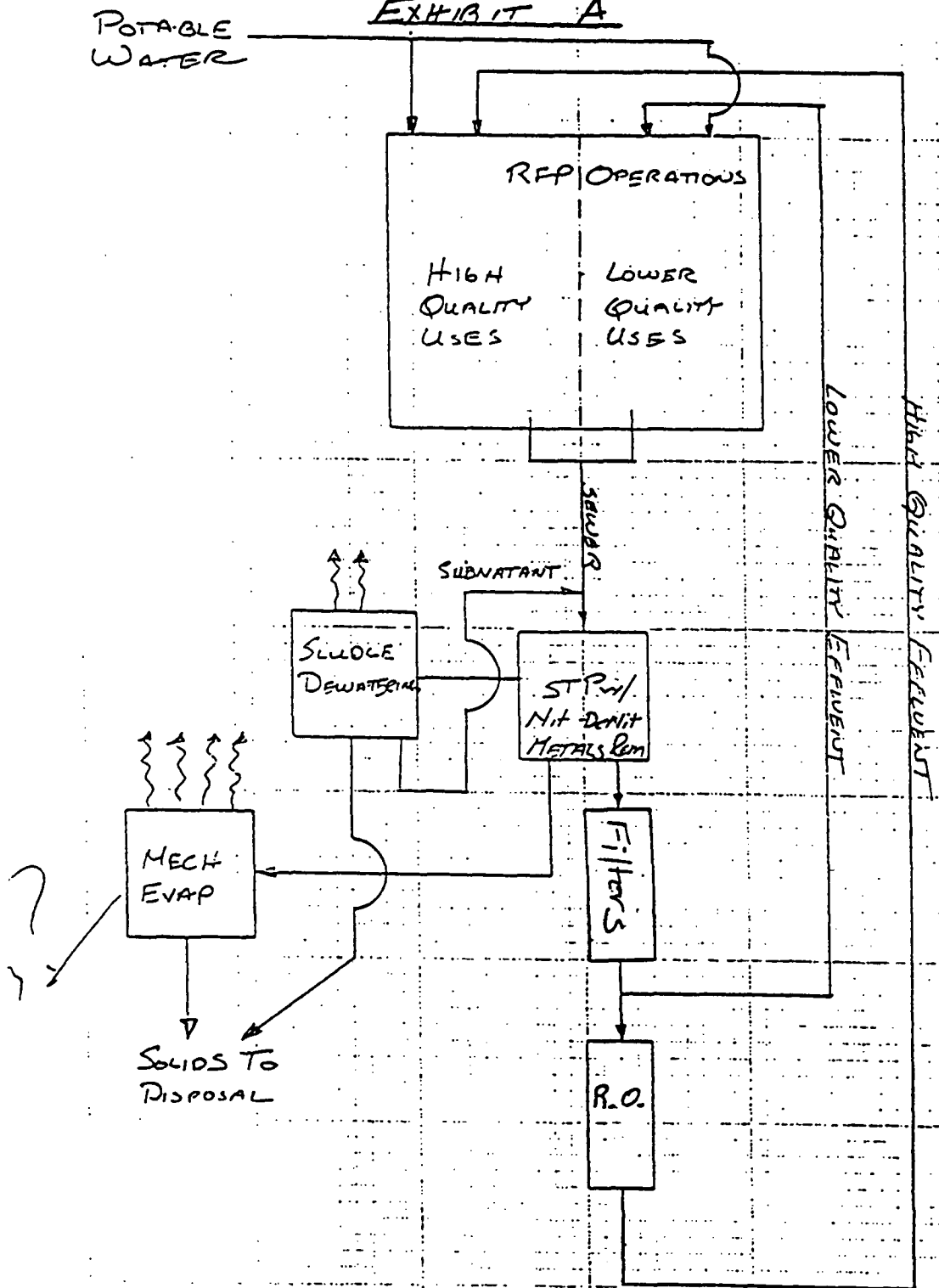
Please contact Mr. Dana Dixon for Details.

Plant Automation (description of any plant automation not covered under more specific topics)

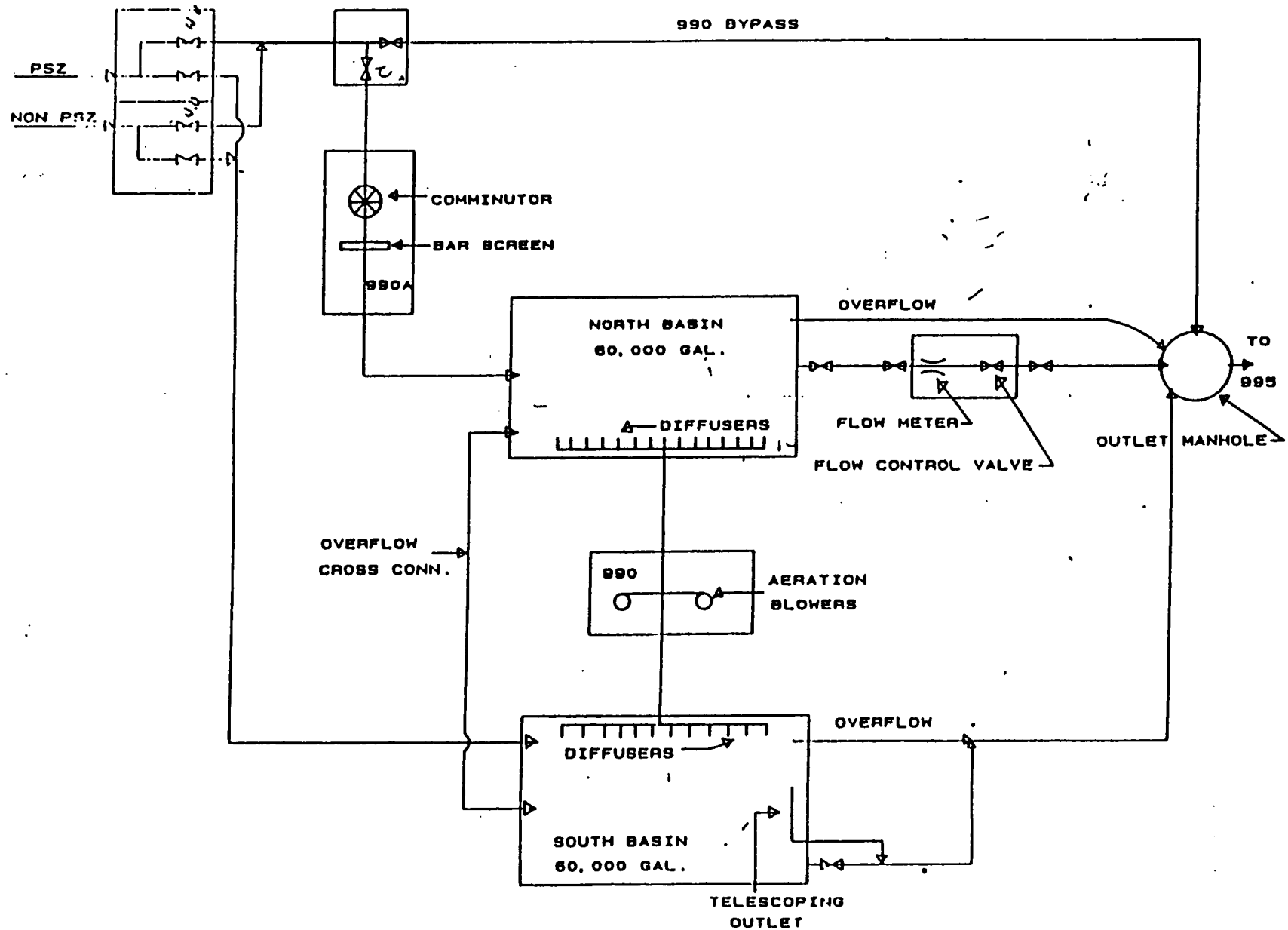
None except Flow control using a pinch valve
and magnetic Flow instrument.

Miscellaneous (see miscellaneous design factors list in Appendix A)

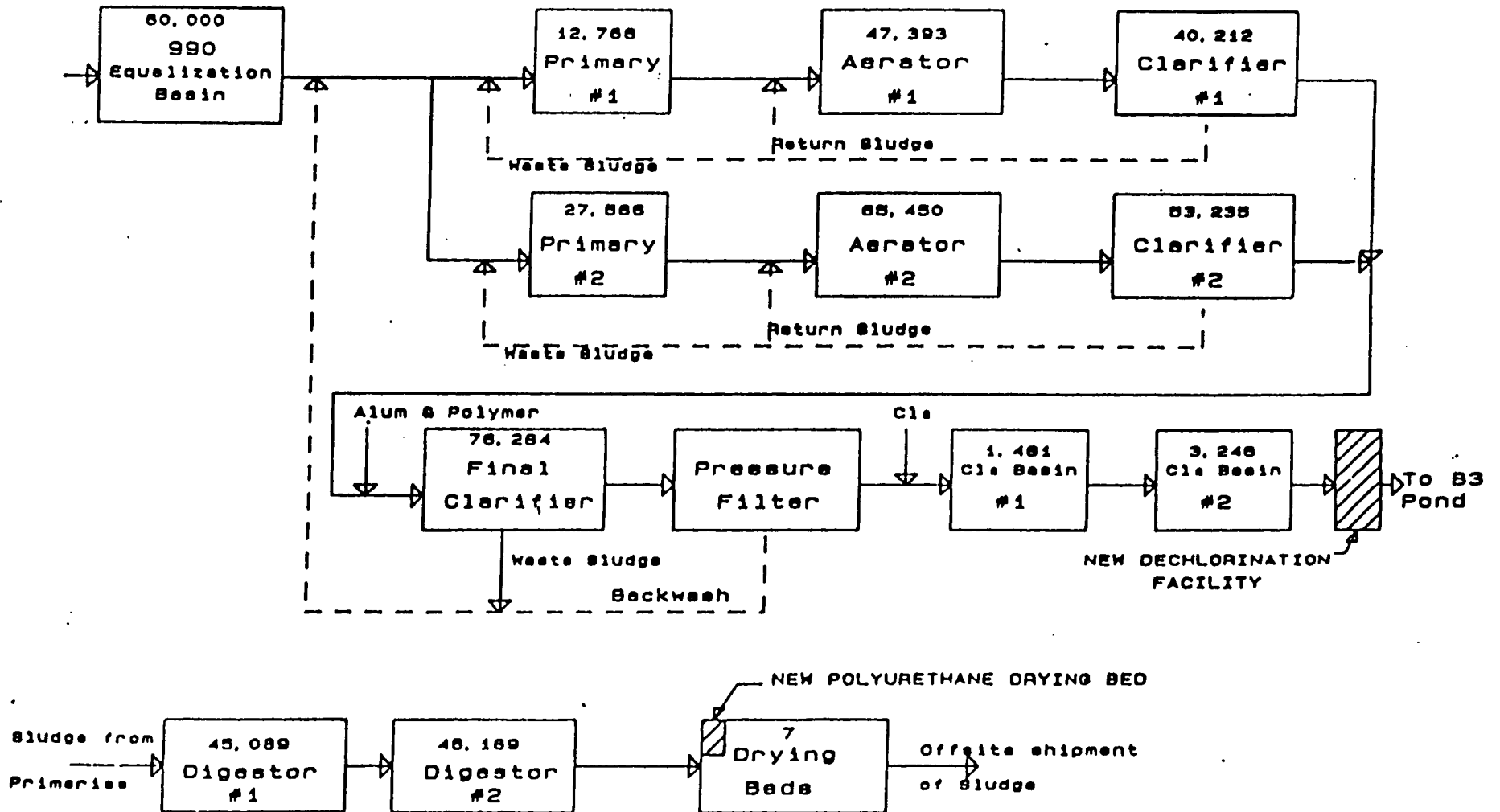
EXHIBIT A



BUILDING 99 BASINS



Rocky Flats Sewer Plant Flow



NOTE: VOLUMES IN GALLONS

ROCKY FLATS
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
CAPACITIES AND DETENTION TIMES

APPROXIMATE DAILY FLOWS

WEEKDAYS : 250,000 GPD
WEEKENDS : 120,000 GPD

APPROXIMATE CAPACITIES AND DETENTION TIMES
ASSUMING A FLOW OF 250,000 GPD

990 PREAERATION BASINS, NORTH AND SOUTH

MAXIMUM EACH : 70,000 GALS.
ACTUAL EACH : 58,000 GALS.
DETENTION TIME PER BASIN : 5.57 HRS, ASSUMING BASIN IS FULL TO
ACTUAL CAPACITY

PRIMARY CLARIFIERS

#1 : 12,768 GALS. DETENTION TIME : 1.2 HRS. OFR=?
#2 : 27,586 GALS. DETENTION TIME : 2.65 HRS.

AERATION BASINS

#1 : 47,393 GALS. DETENTION TIME : 4.55 HRS.
#2 : 65,450 GALS. DETENTION TIME : 6.28 HRS. > 10.83 combined w/ NO₃
6.28 include w/ no NO₃

SECONDARY CLARIFIERS

#1 : 40,212 GALS. DETENTION TIME : 3.86 HRS. OFR=?
#2 : 53,235 GALS. DETENTION TIME : 5.11 HRS.

FINAL (TERTIARY) CLARIFIER

78,114 GALS. DETENTION TIME : 7.32 HRS.

SAND FILTER BASINS

WET WELL : 4,308 GALS. DETENTION TIME : .41 HRS.
CLEAR WELL : 2,394 GALS. DETENTION TIME : .23 HRS.

TOTAL DETENTION TIMES USING EITHER #1 OR #2 SYSTEMS EXCLUDING
PREAERATION BASINS, AND CHLORINE CONTACT BASINS

USING #1 SYSTEM ONLY : 17.51 HRS.
USING #2 SYSTEM ONLY : 22 HRS.

CHLORINE CONTACT BASINS

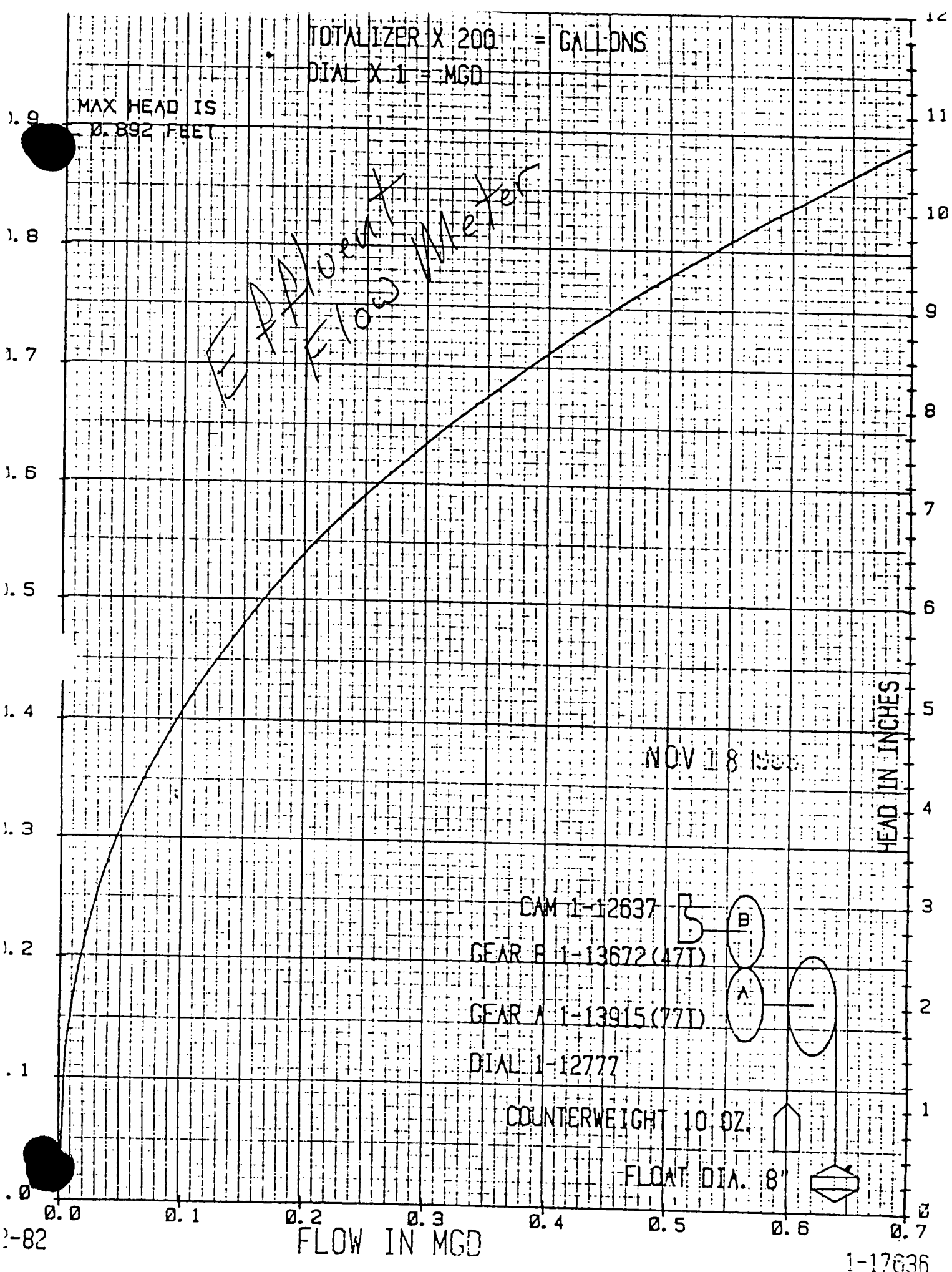
#1 : 1,481 GALS.
#2 : 3,246 GALS.

DIGESTERS

#1 : 45,089 GALS.
#2 : 46,189 GALS.

SLUDGE DRYING BEDS

#1, 2, 3, 5, & 6 DRYING BEDS : 20' X 25' EACH, 500 SQ.FT. EACH
FILLED TO 1' : 3,740 GALS.
#4 DRYING BED : 50' X 37' 1850 SQ.FT.
FILLED TO 1' : 13,838 GALS.
#5 DRYING BED : 25' X 37' 925 SQ. FT.
FILLED TO 1' : 6,919 GALS.
TOTAL DRYING BED CAPACITY : 39,457 GALS.



RBD Inc.
MEMORANDUM

TO: RUSS APPLEHANS
EG&G ROCKY FLATS
P.O. BOX 464
GOLDEN, CO 80402-0464
FROM: BRIAN A. JANONIS, P.E.
DATE: AUGUST 16, 1990
SUBJECT: STP TOUR AND EVALUATION

The purpose of this memo is to identify the performance limiting factors that were observed at the STP.

On August 3, 1990 John Burgeson and Brian Janonis of RBD toured the STP (Building 995). All flow was being run through process train #2. Our observations are summarized in the following memo.

Preliminary Treatment

Preliminary Treatment consists of flow splitting, a manual bar screen and a comminutor.

Observations

There is no influent flow metering.

There is no accurate way of splitting flow between process train 1 and train 2. Since each train is of unequal size this is especially difficult to do.

The comminutor does not function well.

Primary Treatment

Primary treatment consists of one rectangular primary clarifier for each process train. The clarifiers have been retrofitted with plastic chains and fiberglass flights.

Observations

The clarifiers appeared to function well. As a side note, concrete was spalling from the walls and a repair should be made for structural reasons.

Secondary Treatment

Secondary treatment consists of an aeration basin and secondary clarifier for each process train. Both chlorination basins were in use.

Observations

A significant factor limiting performance of this plant is aeration capacity. Dissolved Oxygen measurements as low as 0.1 mg/l are being reported in the aeration basin. The surface mechanical aerators are not adequate to handle the oxygen demand.

The plant does not have standby power. When power service is lost so is the aeration and return sludge.

The final clarifiers have circular mechanisms. The center baffle does not have surface ports so scum and foam get trapped in the center well. The operators have observed a hydraulic restriction to final clarifier #1. They think the pipe is too small but no hydraulics have been done to determine this.

Tertiary Treatment

Tertiary treatment consists of alum, polymer and chlorine addition, a tertiary clarifier, and three pressure sand filters. All of these were in use when we toured the STP.

Observations

All equipment appeared to be in good working order.

Sludge Handling Facilities

Sludge handling includes air lift return sludge pumps from the secondary clarifiers, waste sludge pumping from the aeration basins to the primary clarifier, and waste sludge pumping from the primary clarifier to anaerobic digester #2.

Observations

Wasting from the system should be by waste activated sludge pumping from a hopper in the secondary clarifier to the digester and from primary sludge pumping from the primary clarifier to the digester. This would allow an accurate measurement of mass wasted from the system and allow the waste activated sludge to be concentrated in the hopper prior to pumping to the digester.

Sludge Treatment

Sludge treatment consists of two anaerobic digesters in series, drying on sludge drying beds, and then disposal by hauling to the Nevada Test Site. All facilities were on line the day of the tour. Supernatant was being aerated in aeration basin #1 before being returned to the head of the plant.

Observations

The sludge treatment and drying facilities are overloaded. Sludge was everywhere.

The two anaerobic digesters have serious safety problems. The flame arrestor on digester #1 was cracked and the covers were not sealed. there are no provisions to flare methane gas. This will be discussed in more detail in a memo to follow.

The digesters do not appear to be operating anaerobically. Flies were seen in the digesters through the observation port. The above mentioned leaks probably cause air (oxygen) to enter the digester.

The drying beds do not have adequate capacity to handle present sludge production. A mechanical dewatering and drying project is underway. Long term plant improvements should address concentrating sludge prior to digestion and adequate digestion. We question the appropriateness of anaerobic digestion for a plant of this scale.

cc: Don Ferrier - EG&G
Bill Burbridge - EG&G
Nick Hart - ASI
Norm Fryback - EG&G
Dr. Mike Richard - CSU